

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Bart.

LEGISLATURE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Legislature Act, 1908.

Title

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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1. This Act may be cited as the Legislature Amendment Act, 1912, and shall form part of and be read together with the Legislature Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

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2. The Legislative Council shall consist of forty-eight male persons, twenty-four of whom shall be elected by the House of Representatives, twelve shall be elected by the members of all the Provincial Councils constituted under Part III of the Local Government Act, 1912, and twelve shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

Constitution of Legislative Council.

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3. Every person so elected or appointed shall hold his seat for seven years from the date of his election, or from the date of the instrument of his appointment, as the case may be; but every such person may from time to time be re-elected or re-appointed.

Tenure of office.

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4. Where the seat of any member becomes vacant, it shall be filled by the authority that elected or appointed the vacating member.

Vacancies.

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5. (1.) The election of members by the House of Representatives shall be held in the manner prescribed by the Standing Orders of that House or by resolution of that House.

Mode of election, &c.

(2.) The election of members by the members of the Provincial Councils shall be held in the manner prescribed by regulations to be made by the Governor in Council.

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(3.) The first election of members shall be held on a day to be fixed by resolution of the House of Representatives not sooner than three months nor later than six months after the passing of the resolution, and the first appointment of members by the Governor in Council shall be made within twenty-eight days before the day so fixed, but shall take effect as from that day.

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(4.) On the day so fixed the members of the Legislative Council then in office shall cease to hold office, but shall be eligible for election or appointment under this Act.

6. The provisions of Division I of the principal Act are hereby modified in so far as they conflict with this Act, but not further or otherwise.

Principal Act modified.