This PUBLIC BILL originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

30th October, 1922.

Right Hon. Mr. Massey.

LEGISLATURE AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

1. Short Title. 2. Chatham Islands to form part of electoral

accordance with regulations. 5. Validity of elections or polls not affected by operation of this Act.

4. Poll to be taken in Chatham Islands in

district of Lyttelton. Chatham Islands to form part of Western Maori Electoral District.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Legislature Act, 1908, to make Provision Title. for the Representation of Persons in the Chatham Islands.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand, 5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the Legislature Amendment Act short Title. 1922 (No. 2) and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Legislature Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. (1.) The boundaries of the Electoral District of Lyttelton, as Chatham Islands 10 fixed by the South Island Representation Commission and as set out to form part of in a Proclamation dated the twentieth day of February, nineteen of Lyttelton. hundred and twenty-two, and published in the *Gazette* of the twentyfirst day of the same month, are hereby altered so as to include 15 within that district the area comprised in the Chatham Islands:

Provided that for the purposes of the Licensing Act, 1908, the said islands shall continue to be a special licensing district within the meaning of that Act, and shall not form part of the Lyttelton Licensing District.

20 (2.) The names of persons resident in the said islands and qualified to be enrolled as electors of the said Electoral District of Lyttelton, shall be entered on a special supplementary roll or rolls for that district, prepared pursuant to regulations to be made in that behalf by the Governor-General in Council, and it shall not be 25 necessary for any such roll to be printed.

3. For the purposes of the election of members of the House of Chatham Islands to Representatives under Part IV of the principal Act (relating to Maori form part of Western Maori representation) the Chatham Islands shall be deemed to form part of Electoral District. the Western Maori Electoral District.

4. Every poll of the electors of the said district (including any Poll to be taken in 30 poll taken for the purposes of the Licensing Act, 1908) shall be taken Chatham Islands in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations to be made in regulations. that behalf by the Governor-General in Council.

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Title.

Validity of elections or polls not affected by operation of this Act.

5. The validity of any election or licensing poll shall not be questioned on the ground that anything required to be done pursuant to this Act or to regulations thereunder has not been done, or has been irregularly done, or that for any reason it has been found impracticable to receive the vote of any person who is entitled to 5 vote by virtue of this Act, or that any person who has voted was not entitled to vote by virtue of this Act.

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