

This PUBLIC BILL *originally* 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,  
8th July, 1915.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Herdman.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES EMPOWERING.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to extend the Powers of Local Authorities in certain Matters during the Continuance of the Present War. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Empowering Act, 1915. Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act "local authority" has the same meaning as in Part XIV of the Public Revenues Act, 1910. Interpretation.

3. A local authority may grant leave of absence to any of its employees—  
(a.) While engaged on military service within New Zealand; Leave of absence on pay or part pay to employees of local authorities engaged on military service.

15 (b.) While engaged as a member of any Expeditionary Force on military service beyond New Zealand, and for such period thereafter, not exceeding twelve months, as the local authority thinks fit;

and may, during such leave of absence, pay to every such employee or to his order the whole or any part of the salary or wages of that employee, at the rate at which he was employed at the commencement of such leave of absence.

25 4. Any local authority possessing rating-powers may remit either wholly or in part, or may from time to time postpone for such time as it thinks fit the date of payment of, any rates payable by any person who is a member of any Expeditionary Force intended for or engaged on military service beyond New Zealand: Provision for remission of rates payable by members of Expeditionary Forces.

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Proviso.

Provided that where a local authority resolves to postpone the date of payment of any such rates—

- (a.) The additional charge of ten per centum authorized by section twenty-eight of the Rating Amendment Act, 1910, to be added shall not be added until the expiration of six months after such postponed date, or the latest of such dates, and shall not be recoverable unless at least fourteen days' notice in writing that the same will be added has been given to the ratepayer: 5
- (b.) Judgment may be given and signed for any such rates at any time within two years after such postponed date or the latest of such dates, notwithstanding anything in section seventy-one of the Rating Act, 1908. 10

Validation of past payments or remissions.

5. All moneys heretofore paid by any local authority since the commencement of the present war by way of salary or wages to or to the order of any employee engaged on military service within New Zealand or as a member of any Expeditionary Force for military service beyond New Zealand and all remissions of rates made to members of any Expeditionary Force shall be deemed to have been as validly paid and made as if this Act had been in force at the time when such payments or remissions were made. 15 20

Interpretation.

6. For the purpose of this Act the expression "member of any Expeditionary Force" means an officer, non-commissioned officer, or man in any Expeditionary Force heretofore or hereafter raised for service beyond New Zealand, and includes nurses and other persons engaged or employed in any capacity in connection with any such force. 25