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Sir G. Grey.

LAND BOARDS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for Election of Land Boards.

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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| 5 | <p>1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Land Boards Act, 1882."</p> | Title |
| 10 | <p>2. This Act shall be read as part of "The Land Act, 1877" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and the word "member" mentioned in this Act shall be substituted and read for the word "Commissioner" in the said Act, and "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," is hereby incorporated with and shall, so far as applicable, be read as part of this Act.</p> | <p>Short Title</p> <p>Incorporation of Act.</p> |
| 15 | <p>3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—</p> <p>"Land Board" or "Board" shall mean, in addition to the interpretation thereof contained in section four of the said Act, the Board constituted under this Act for the purpose of carrying out the administration of the said Act and the amendments thereof for the time being respectively, or of any the land laws substituted for the time being for the said Act and the amendments thereof, and also for the purpose of carrying out the administration and exercising the powers, functions, and duties vested in the Commissioner under "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880."</p> | <p>Interpretation.</p> |
| 20 | <p>4. The Governor shall, by Proclamation, as soon as possible after the passing of this Act, for the purposes of the elections under this Act, divide each existing land district into five electoral districts, each such electoral district to comprise such area and population as the Governor in Council may prescribe: Provided such electoral districts shall as near as possible be equal in population.</p> | <p>Division of land districts.</p> |
| 25 | <p>5. Such Proclamation shall take effect at such time within three months from the date thereof as therein notified, and until the election of the said respective Boards under this Act all Land Boards existing at the time of the passing of this Act shall continue in office.</p> | <p>Effect of Proclamation.</p> |

Elective constitution
of Board.

6. The Land Board for each district, to be called "The Land Board of [*name of land district*]," shall consist of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district and *five* elective members, that is to say, one member for each electoral district, who shall be respectively elected by the persons qualified to vote in the elections of members of the House of Representatives. Any person qualified to be an elector under this Act shall be eligible to be elected a member of such Land Board. 5

Hold office for three
years.

7. Such Land Board shall hold office for and be elected every three years. 10

Manner of elections,
&c.

8. The Governor shall, by and in the Proclamation defining the districts as in section *four* aforesaid, fix the date of the first election under this Act.

Chairman and casting
vote.

9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands shall be the Chairman of the Board *ex officio*, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote in all questions and matters before the Board; and in the absence of the said Commissioner of Crown Lands from any meeting the members present at such meeting shall, out of the members so present, select their Chairman, who shall during such meeting have all the powers of the said Commissioner of Crown Lands. 15 20

Supply of vacancies.

10. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Board as in section twenty of the said Act, the Board shall elect a duly-qualified person to supply such vacancy until the next election of members under this Act.

Preparation of
electoral rolls under
this Act.

11. The Governor shall, in the Proclamation mentioned in section *eight* herein, prescribe the method of preparing rolls of the names of persons entitled to vote at the elections under this Act. 25