

Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Amendment of rules for fixing boundaries of electoral divisions, and the number of members to be elected for each division.</p>	<p>ANALYSIS.</p>	<p>3. Members of Executive Council may be appointed to Legislative Council.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Legislative Council Act, 1914.

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 Legislative Council Amendment Act, 1920, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Legislative Council Act, 1914.

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section sixteen of the Legislative Council Act, 1914, is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) thereof, and substituting the following paragraphs:—

Amendment of rules for fixing boundaries of electoral divisions, and the number of members to be elected for each division.

“(c.) The First Electoral Division shall be the northern part of the North Island, the Second Electoral Division shall be the southern part of the North Island, the Third Electoral Division shall be the northern part of the South Island, and the Fourth Electoral Division shall be the southern part of the South Island.

“(d.) The boundaries shall be such as in the opinion of the Commissions provide with the nearest approximation that the population of the First Electoral Division shall be the same as the population of the Second Electoral Division, and that the population of the Third Electoral Division shall be the same as the population of the Fourth Electoral Division.”

(2.) Section thirteen of the Legislative Council Act, 1914, as amended by section five of the Legislative Council Amendment Act, 1918, is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection three the words “Rules (a) to (f) inclusive,” and substituting the word “Rules”; and by omitting from the same subsection the words “in Rule (c).”

Members of  
Executive Council  
may be appointed to  
Legislative Council.

3. Section twenty-one of the Legislative Council Act, 1914, is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a.) By omitting from subsection one the words “this section,” and substituting the words “this subsection”:
- (b.) By omitting from subsection two the words “Notwithstanding anything in section three of the principal Act”:
- (c.) By inserting, after the word “under” in subsection two, the words “subsection one of”:
- (d.) By adding the following subsections:—
- “ (3.) The Governor-General may from time to time, in His Majesty’s name, by instrument under the Public Seal of New Zealand, summon to the Council any person who is a member of the Executive Council. The number of persons holding office pursuant to this subsection shall not at any time exceed two. 15
- “ (4.) Every person appointed a member of the Council under the *last preceding* subsection shall hold his seat therein so long as he continues to be a member of the Executive Council and no longer.” 20