

*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.  
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*Hon. Major Steward.*

LICENSING COMMITTEES AND POLLS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Licensing Committees and Licensing Polls. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Licensing Committees and Polls Act, 1902"; and it shall be read together with and form part of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. Subsection fifteen of section seven of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "The quorum of a Licensing Committee shall, if the Stipendiary Magistrate be present as Chairman, be three members, including such Chairman; or, if the Stipendiary Magistrate be not present as Chairman, the quorum shall be four members." Quorum of Committee.

3. Notwithstanding any alteration made at any time in consequence of the report of either of the Representation Commissions under "The Electoral Act, 1902," in the boundaries of any electoral district, all the Licensing Committees in office at the time such report takes effect shall remain in office until the next election of a Licensing Committee under the principal Act, and shall continue to exercise their functions over the whole area in respect of which they were elected. On change of boundaries, Licensing Committees to remain in office.

4. (1.) If the result of any licensing poll is disputed, any elector may within *three* days after such public notification apply to a Stipendiary Magistrate for a recount of the votes received at all or any of the polling-places of the district. Recount.

(2.) Every such application shall be accompanied by a deposit of *twenty* pounds.

(3.) The Magistrate shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the application and deposit as aforesaid, cause a recount to be made of the votes received at the polling-places specified in the application, and shall give at least two days' public notice of the time and place at which such recount will be made.

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(4.) The recount shall be made in the presence of the Magistrate, or of an officer appointed by him for the purpose, and shall, as far as practicable, be made in the manner provided in the case of the original count, and the provisions of the principal Act relating to the secrecy of the ballot shall apply to such recount.

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(5.) If on the recount the Magistrate finds that the result of the poll as determined by the Returning Officer was incorrect, he shall order the Returning Officer to give an amended public notice of the result of the poll as disclosed by such recount.

(6.) The Magistrate may make such order as to the costs of and incidental to the recount as he deems just, and, subject to any such order, shall direct the deposit made under this section to be returned to the person who made the same.

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