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# New Zealand.

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## VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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ANALYSIS.

Title.  
Preamble.  
1. Short Title.

2. Number of members.  
3. Additional members.

A BILL INTITULED

### **AN ACT to limit the number of Members of the Legislative Council of New Zealand.**

**W**HEREAS by the Constitution Act it is provided that there shall be within the Colony of New Zealand a General Assembly to consist of the Governor a Legislative Council and House of Representatives and that for constituting the Legislative Council of New Zealand it shall be lawful for Her Majesty before the time to be appointed for the first meeting of the General Assembly by an instrument under Her Royal Sign Manual to authorize the Governor in Her Majesty's name to summon to the said Legislative Council such persons being not less in number than ten as Her Majesty shall think fit and it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time in like manner to authorize the Governor to summon to the said Legislative Council such other person or persons as Her Majesty shall think fit either for supplying any vacancy or vacancies or otherwise and every person who shall be so summoned shall thereby become a member of the said Legislative Council Provided always that no person shall be summoned to such Legislative Council who shall not be of the full age of twenty-one years and a natural-born subject of Her Majesty or a subject of Her Majesty naturalized by Act of Parliament or by an Act of the Legislature of New Zealand And whercas it is expedient that the number of the members of the Legislative Council should be limited by law

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Legislative Council Act 1866."

II. Except as is hereinafter provided there shall not be at any time more than thirty-eight members of the Legislative Council of New Zealand.

III. Once in every session of the General Assembly whenever the members of the said Legislative Council are thirty-eight in number

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there may be summoned to the said Legislative Council as members thereof in the manner in all respects provided by the said Constitution Act any such persons as by the said Act may be summoned not exceeding two in number but in such case no persons shall thereafter be summoned to the Legislative Council as members except in manner above provided until the number of members of the Legislative Council shall have been reduced to thirty-eight by death resignation or otherwise provided that if any two persons shall in any one session have been so summoned in excess of the said number of thirty-eight no person shall be summoned in the succeeding session in excess of such number unless a period of three months shall have elapsed between the two sessions.