

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for their concurrence.*  
*Legislative Council Chamber*  
*3rd September, 1868.*

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Limit the Number of Members of the  
Legislative Council of New Zealand 1868. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the number of the Members of the  
Legislative Council should be limited by law Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Legislative Council  
Act 1868.” Short Title.

2. After the coming into operation of this Act the number of the  
Legislative Council of New Zealand shall not at any time except as  
10 is hereinafter provided exceed such number as is equal to one-half the  
number of Members of which the House of Representatives for the  
time being by law consists. Number of Members  
to be limited.

3. Although the number of the Members of the said Council  
shall for the time being equal the number to which such Council is  
15 limited as hereinbefore provided or shall for the time being exceed the  
number so limited by reason of the exercise of the power hereinafter in  
this section given to the Governor it shall be lawful for the Governor  
if he shall think fit from time to time to summon to such Council any  
number of persons duly qualified and being Members of the Executive  
20 Council not exceeding two in any one year Provided however that in  
case of a vacancy occurring in the Legislative Council by death  
resignation or otherwise no such vacancy shall be filled unless the  
number of Members of the Council is by such vacancy reduced below  
the number to which such Council is by the last preceding section  
25 limited. Exception.

4. This Act shall not come into operation until the Governor  
shall by proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette* have declared that  
the Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council and that Her  
Majesty has assented to the same. Reserved for Her  
Majesty's assent.