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LICENSING COMMITTEES ELECTION.

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AN ACT to provide for the Election of Licensing Committees.

Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision in the matter of the election of Licensing Committees:

Preamble.

5 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Election Act, 1883."

Short Title.

10 2. The words "the said Act," wherever in this Act occurring, shall mean "The Licensing Act, 1881."

Interpretation.

15 3. The Returning Officer henceforth shall appoint the day for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, as mentioned in section forty-six of the said Act, as well as appoint the day for the election of a Licensing Committee.

Duties of Returning Officer.

4. The following provisions relating to the election of Licensing Committees shall come into operation on the passing of this Act:—

Provisions relating to election of Licensing Committees.

20 (1.) The Returning Officer shall appoint the day in the now next ensuing year for the election of members of the Licensing Committee under the provisions of subsection four of section thirteen of the said Act as if this Act had not been passed.

25 (2.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected at such election shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for the term of one year, or until the election of his successor under the provisions of this section.

30 (3.) The Returning Officer shall appoint the day in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five for the taking of the poll of ratepayers in the manner provided by section forty-six of the said Act as if this Act had not been passed, and shall appoint the same day for the election of the Licensing Committee in succession to the Committee to be elected in the now next ensuing year.

(4.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five and thereafter shall come into office on his election, and shall hold office for *three* years, or until the election of his successor.

(5.) From and after the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five the elections of Licensing Committees shall be held on the days appointed under the said Act for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, and simultaneously therewith once in every *third* year only. 5

5. In case of any extraordinary vacancy occurring in any Committee, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill up such vacancy, who shall hold office only until the next Committee is elected. 10

6. The word "annually," in subsection one of section thirteen of the said Act, the words "and thereafter in the same month in every year," in subsection four, and the whole of subsections eight and eighteen of the said section thirteen, are hereby repealed, and the said section shall be read and construed as though the said repealed words and sub-sections respectively were omitted therefrom. 15

Extraordinary
vacancies.

Section 13 amended.