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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Triennial Election of Licensing Committees.

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 Election Act, 1888."

Short Title.

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

Interpretation.

3. The following provisions relating to the election of Licensing Committees and to the taking of the poll of ratepayers shall come into operation on the passing of this Act:—

Elections to be triennial and simultaneous with local-option poll.

(1.) 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 the Licensing Committee.

(2.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight shall hold office for one year, or until the election of his successor.

(3.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine shall hold office for two years, or until the election of his successor.

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

(5.) In and after the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one 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.

4. And in accordance with the foregoing the said Act is hereby amended as follows, that is to say,—

Consequential amendments of "The Licensing Act, 1881."

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- (1.) The word "annually" in subsection one of section thirteen, and 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year" in subsection four, and the whole of subsections eight and eighteen of the said section thirteen, are hereby repealed, and the said section shall be read and construed as though the said repealed words and subsections respectively were omitted therefrom. 5
- (2.) Section forty-six of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the words "the Chairman of the Licensing Committee," and the insertion in lieu thereof of the words "the Returning Officer." 10
- (3.) Sections forty-eight and forty-nine of the said Act are hereby amended by the substitution, wherever the word "Chairman" occurs, of the words "the Returning Officer."

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1888.