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LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925.

Title.

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

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1930, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 2. Subsection two of section five of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as the Amendment Act), is hereby repealed, and the forms numbered (5) and (6) in the First Schedule to the principal Act are hereby revived for the purpose of the alternative form of voting-paper hereinafter provided for. Revival of repealed forms of voting-papers.
- 3. Notwithstanding anything in the Amendment Act, it shall be lawful at any election held under the principal Act to use voting-papers in the form numbered (5) in the First Schedule to the principal Act, and at any poll held under the same Act to use voting-papers in the form numbered (6) in that Schedule. Revived forms permitted as alternatives.
- 4. (1) For the purposes of any election or poll to be held under the principal Act the local authority may by resolution publicly notified direct the Returning Officer whether he is to use the form of voting-paper provided for by the Amendment Act or the revived form provided for by this Act. Local authority may authorize alternative form.
- (2) Any such resolution may provide for the form of voting-paper to be used at all elections or polls to be held in the district of the local authority, or may apply to any specified election or poll.

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- Absence of direction.** (3) In the absence of such direction the Returning Officer shall use the form of voting-paper provided for by the Amendment Act.
- Wrong forms not to invalidate.** (4) No election or poll in which one of the said forms is used shall be invalid on the ground that the other of such forms should have been used. 5
- Method of voting.** 5. Paragraph (a) of section eight of the Amendment Act is hereby amended by adding, after the word "vote", the words "or by marking a cross in a square set opposite to the name of every candidate for whom he does desire to vote, according to the respective form of voting-paper used". 10
- All voting-papers to have endorsement and counterfoil.** 6. (1) It is hereby declared that all voting-papers shall have printed on the counterfoil and back thereof respectively the matter contained in form numbered (3) of the Schedule to the Amendment Act.
- Amendment of form of counterfoil.** (2) The said form numbered (3) is hereby amended by omitting the words "top left-hand corner," and substituting the words "top right-hand corner". 15