

LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. This Bill provides for three amendments to the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925.

2. *Clause 2* provides that all general elections of members of local authorities are to be held on a Saturday.

3. *Clause 3* abolishes the provision whereby persons are entitled to be enrolled and to vote as electors of a local authority by virtue of their being enrolled on a parliamentary roll in respect of any address within the district of the local authority.

4. *Clause 4* provides that only persons who have not had a reasonable opportunity of voting before commencing work are entitled to time off to vote.

Hon. Mr. Bodkin

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ANALYSIS

Title.		3. Repealing provisions as to use of parliamentary electoral rolls.
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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, 1950, 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.
See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V, p. 447

2. (1) Every general election of members of any local authority shall be held on a Saturday. General elections of local authorities to be held on third Saturday in November.

(2) Every such general election that, if this section had not been passed, would have been required to be held on the third Wednesday in November in any year shall be held on the third Saturday in November in that year. in November.

(3) Where, if this section had not been passed, any other general election of members of any local authority would have been required to be held on any day not being a Saturday, that election shall be held on the first Saturday following that day. 5

(4) The next general election of members of the Auckland Electric Power Board shall be held on the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every third year thereafter a general election of members of the Board shall be held. 10

(5) The next general election of members of the Auckland Transport Board shall be held on the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every third year thereafter a general election of members of the Board shall be held. 15

(6) In each of the several subdistricts of the Christchurch Drainage District the electors shall for their subdistrict, on the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every third year thereafter, elect one person (being an elector) to be a member of the Christchurch Drainage Board. 20

(7) On the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every third year thereafter, all members of the Christchurch Tramway Board shall go out of office and a general election of members of the Board shall be held. 25

(8) The enactments specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby amended in the manner indicated in that Schedule. 30

Repealing provisions as to use of parliamentary electoral rolls.
1946, No. 27

3. Section ten of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1946, and the Fourth Schedule to that Act are hereby repealed. 35

Amending provisions as to allowing employees time off to vote.
1947, No. 24

4. Section two of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1947, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words "is being held", the words "and who has not had a reasonable opportunity of recording his vote before commencing work". 40

SCHEDULE

Schedule.

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL ON ALTERATION OF DAY FOR ELECTIONS Section 2 (8)

Title of Act.	Number of Section Affected.	Nature of Amendment.
1908, No. 165— The River Boards Act, 1908 (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. IV, p. 526)	Section 47 (as amended by section 2 (9) of the Local Elections and Polls Amend- ment Act, 1946)	By omitting the words “ third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ third Saturday in November ”.
1908, No. 205— The Water Supply Act, 1908 (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VIII, p. 1125)	Section 67 (4) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words “ the third Wednesday in November in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven ”, and substituting the words “ the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty ”.
1920, No. 47— The Counties Act, 1920 .. (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V, p. 180)	Section 47 (3) (as amended by section 6 (3) of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1946) Section 65 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9)) Section 65 (3) (as set out in section 9 of the Counties Amendment Act, 1949) Section 77 (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting from the proviso the words “ three days ”, and substituting the words “ five days ”.
1923, No. 40— The Harbours Act, 1923 .. (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. III, p. 583)	Section 40 (2) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words “ third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ third Saturday in November ”. By omitting the words “ third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ third Saturday in November ”. By omitting the words “ third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ third Saturday in November ”.
1925, No. 35— The Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925 (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V, p. 449)	Section 7 (as amended by section 3 (1) (b) of the Local Elections and Polls Amend- ment Act, 1946)	By omitting the words “ being the twenty- first day ”, and substituting the words “ being the twenty-second day ”.
1925, No. 38— The Electric Power Boards Act, 1925 (Reprint of Statutes, Vol. III, p. 22)	Section 33 (1) (as set out in section 22 of the Statutes Amend- ment Act, 1944, and amended by section 2 (9) of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1946)	By omitting the words “ sixty days after the third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ sixty days after the third Saturday in November ”.
1930 (Local), No. 16— The Hawke's Bay Rivers Amendment Act, 1930	Section 9 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words “ third Wednesday in November ”, and substituting the words “ third Saturday in November ”.

SCHEDULE—continued

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL ON ALTERATION OF DAY FOR ELECTIONS—continued

Title of Act.	Number of Section or Schedule Affected.	Nature of Amendment.
1932-33, No. 47— The Local Legislation Act, 1932-33	Section 10 (11) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ".
1932 (Local), No. 2— The Ohai Railway Board Act, 1932	Section 13 (as amended by the said Section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " last Wednesday in January ", and substituting the words " last Saturday in January ".
1933, No. 30— The Municipal Corporations Act, 1933	Section 23 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9)) Section 23 (6) (a) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ". By omitting the words " fourth Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " fourth Saturday in November ".
1934, No. 23— The River Boards Amendment Act, 1934	Section 42 (1) (a) (as amended by the said section 2 (9)) Section 44 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ". By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ".
1934, No. 23— The River Boards Amendment Act, 1934	Section 2 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ".
1934-35, No. 43— The Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1934-35	Section 3 (1) (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ".
1934 (Local), No. 3— The Hawke's Bay Rivers Amendment Act, 1934	Section 4 (as amended by the said section 2 (9))	By omitting the words " third Wednesday in November ", and substituting the words " third Saturday in November ".
1946, No. 27— The Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1946	Section 2 Section 3 (1) (b) Section 6 (1) First Schedule	By repealing this section (except subsection (9)). By repealing this paragraph. By omitting the words " twenty-eighth day ", and substituting the words " twenty-ninth day ". By repealing so much of the said First Schedule as relates to the enactments specified in this Schedule.
1947, No. 24— The Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1947	Section 2 (1) Section 7	By omitting the words " the third Wednesday in November in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven ", and substituting the words " the third Saturday in November in the year nineteen hundred and fifty ". By omitting the word " Wednesday ", and substituting the word " Saturday ".