

LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under section 37 (b) of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976, an elector may vote at any election as a special voter if his name does not appear on the electoral roll in use for that election but it is included on the most recently published electoral roll for the Parliamentary election, or he has enrolled on that roll since it was published, and the address shown thereon is within the local government area and is his present residential address.

This Bill, which is to continue in force for a limited period, makes special provision in respect of the triennial general elections of members of local authorities which are to take place on the 11th day of October 1980 and in respect of any local authority election which is held during the limited period while this Bill remains in force.

The Chief Electoral Officer is to supply up-to-date lists of Parliamentary electors to Returning Officers appointed under the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976. These lists will be used to establish the status of electors who claim special votes under section 37 (b).

Even if the name of an elector is not on the most recently published electoral roll for the Parliamentary election (which in most cases will be that used for the 1978 Parliamentary General Election) his name will be deemed to be on that roll if his name is on the up-to-date list of electors and an up-to-date Parliamentary electoral roll has not been published since that list of electors was printed.

Hon. Mr Highet

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act 1980, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976*.

10 **2. Expiration**—This Act shall expire with the close of the 1st day of May 1981.

15 **3. Lists of Parliamentary electors for use at certain local elections**—(1) For the purposes of the general election of members of any local authority to be held on the 11th day of October 1980, and for the purposes of any subsequent election of a member of any local authority which is held while this Act is in force, the Chief Electoral Officer within

*1976, No. 144

Amendments: 1977, No. 5; 1977, No. 159

the meaning of the Electoral Act 1956 shall cause to be printed, or otherwise reproduced, in respect of each electoral district within the meaning of that Act a list of electors.

(2) The list of electors printed or reproduced under subsection (1) of this section in respect of any electoral district— 5

(a) Shall, subject to any additions, alterations, and deletions made to the electoral roll for the district, contain a list of—

(i) All persons whose names appear on the main roll for the district; and 10

(ii) All persons whose names appear on any existing supplementary roll for the district; and

(iii) All persons whose names do not appear on the main roll for the district or any existing supplementary roll for the district but are lawfully on the electoral roll for the district on a date to be fixed for the closing of that list of electors by the Chief Electoral Officer; and 15

(b) Shall, subject to paragraph (a) of this subsection, be printed in the manner prescribed by subsections (1) to (5) of section 63 of the Electoral Act 1956 in respect of a main roll. 20

(3) The date fixed by the Chief Electoral Officer for the closing of the lists of electors printed or reproduced under this section shall be not earlier than the 1st day of August 1980 and not later than the 1st day of September 1980. 25

(4) Every list of electors printed or reproduced under this section shall be authenticated by being certified correct for the purposes of section 37 (b) of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976 by the Chief Electoral Officer. 30

(5) A copy of a list printed or reproduced under this section shall be authenticated if a copy of the certificate required by subsection (4) of this section appears on the copy of the list. 35

4. Lists of Parliamentary electors to be supplied to Returning Officers—The Chief Electoral Officer shall cause such copies as he thinks fit of each list of electors printed or reproduced under section 3 of this Act to be supplied, free of charge, to Returning Officers appointed under the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976. 40

5. Special voters—For the purposes of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976, the name of an elector shall be deemed to be on the most recently published electoral roll for the Parliamentary election if his name is on a list of electors that **5** has been printed or reproduced under section 3 of this Act since that roll was published.