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LOCAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Local Elections (Proportional Representa- Title. tion) Act, 1914.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Elections (Proportional short Title. Representation) Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Local Elections (Proportional Representa-

10 tion) Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

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2. (1.) Any local authority, of which the number of elective Adoption of members is not less than five, may by special order adopt the principal Act. provisions of the principal Act.

(2.) Such special order shall be in the form in the Schedule 15 hereto, and shall take effect as from a date to be fixed by the special order.

(3.) All elections of the whole of the members of the local authority held after the date so fixed shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act.

- 3. In the case of a local authority whose district is, pursuant to where district is 20 any Act, divided into subdivisions, the following provisions shall subdivided. apply :-
 - (a.) On the date on which the special order takes effect, all subdivisions shall for the purposes of the principal Act be deemed to be abolished, and the whole of the elective members of the local authority shall be elected by the electors of the whole district;

(b.) The electors roll shall contain the names of all persons in the district entitled to vote at an election of members :

Provided that at the first election of members under the principal Act the rolls of the several subdivisions shall together be the roll required, but so that the name **5** of any person shall not appear on such roll more than once.

Revocation of adoption.

Special orders.

4. A special order adopting the provisions of the principal Act may be revoked by special order, and thereupon all elections of the whole of the members of the local authority held after the expiry of 10 three months after the making of the revoking special order shall be held in the same manner as if the provisions of the principal Act had never been adopted.

5. Where, by any Act under which a local authority is constituted or by which a local authority is governed, provision is 15 not made for making a special order, such order shall be made as follows:—

- (a.) A resolution, in the form in the Schedule hereto, shall be passed at a meeting of the local authority, and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not sooner than the twenty- 20 eighth day after the first meeting, and not later than the forty-second day after that meeting;
- (b.) Public notice of the place and date fixed for such subsequent meeting and of such resolution shall be given once in each period of seven days intervening between the 25 two meetings.

6. Section two of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Schedule.

Repeal.

SCHEDULE.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the [Name of local authority], held on the day of , 19, the following resolution was passed, and will be submitted for confirmation at a meeting of the Council [or Board], to be held on the day of , 19, at , in the noon, at the [State place of meeting] :--

Resolution.

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Local Elections (Proportional Representation) Act, 1914, as amended by the Local Elections (Proportional Representation) Amendment Act, 1915, the *Name of local authority*] resolves by way of special order that the provisions of the said first-mentioned Act be adopted in the *Name of district*] on and after the day of , 19,

By Authority : JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.-1915.