

Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

LOCAL ELECTIONS (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION)
AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Local Elections (Proportional Representation) Act, 1914. 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 (Proportional Representation) Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Local Elections (Proportional Representation) Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, the Council of a divided borough may by special order adopt the provisions of that Act. Adoption of Act in divided boroughs.

(2.) Such special order shall take effect as from a date fixed by the order.

(3.) On the date on which the special order takes effect all subdivisions shall be deemed to be abolished, and at all subsequent general elections the whole of the Councillors shall be elected by the electors of the whole borough.

(4.) All general elections of Councillors held after the date so fixed shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act.

(5.) For the purposes of such general elections an electors roll shall be prepared containing the names of all persons entitled to vote at an election of Councillors:

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

(6.) Any such special order may be revoked by a special order made not later than three months before the day fixed for any general election of Councillors.

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3. (1.) Any local authority (other than a borough), of which the number of members is not less than seven, may by special order adopt the provisions of the principal Act.

(2.) Such special order shall have no effect unless it is approved by the Governor in Council. 5

(3.) Such approval shall be signified by an Order in Council gazetted.

(4.) By the same or any subsequent Order in Council the Governor may modify any provision of any Act relating to the election of members of the local authority so as to give full effect to the principal Act in the district of that local authority. 10

(5.) Any such special order may be revoked by a special order made not later than three months before the day fixed for any general election of members of the local authority.

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

(a.) A resolution shall be passed at a meeting of the local authority, and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not sooner than the twenty-eighth day after the first meeting and not later than the forty-second day after that meeting. 20

(b.) Public notice of such resolution, and of the time and place fixed for such subsequent meeting, shall be given once in each period of seven days intervening between the two meetings. 25