This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives. and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives.

14th December, 1921.

[As amended by the Legislative Council.]

Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS:

Title. 1. Short Title. 10. Repeal. 2. Section 13 of principal Act amended. 11. Repeal. Section 15 of principal Act amended.
 Section 24 of principal Act amended. 12. Section 155 of principal Act amended. 13. Section 283 of principal Act amended. 13. Section 250 of principal Act amended.
15. Section 345 of principal Act amended.
16. Section 358 of principal Act amended. 5. Section 26 of principal Act amended. 6. Section 40 of principal Act amended. Section 41 of principal Act amended.
 Section 44 of principal Act amended. 17. Section 385 of principal Act amended. 9. Section 56 of principal Act amended. 18. Council to appoint Inspector of Buildings.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporations Amend- short Title. ment Act, 1921, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Section thirteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 13 inserting, after the words "the roll was closed" in subsection two, the of principal Act words "or for the purpose of complying with a claim for enrolment or of an application for the alteration of an entry in the roll, delivered to the Town Clerk before the closing of the roll."

3. Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 15 adding to subsection one thereof the following words: "and shall of principal Act be entitled to vote at every poll taken for any election under this Act with respect to such borough or ward; and also at every poll taken on any proposal that under this Act or any other Act is 20 submitted to the votes of the electors or ratepayers of such borough

or any part thereof: "Provided that he shall not be entitled to vote at a poll taken on any proposal relating to loans or rates by virtue only of a residential qualification or an occupier's qualification."

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Section 24 of principal Act amended.

Section 26 of principal Act amended.

Section 40 of principal Act amended.

Section 41 of principal Act amended.

Section 43 of principal Act amended to conform with section 40.

Section 44 of principal Act amended.

Section 56 of principal Act amended.

Section 82 of principal Act amended with reference to method of charging for extraordinary water-supply.

Repeal.

Repeal.

Section 155 of principal Act amended.

Section 283 of principal Act amended.

Section 331 of principal Act amended. 4. Section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following as subsection five thereof:—

"(5.) If a Councillor is elected to be Mayor, his office as an

elected Councillor shall be thereby vacated."

5. Section twenty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words "or, in case of the illness or other incapacity of the Town Clerk, by some other officer of the Council appointed for the purpose."

6. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (h) the words "neither a director nor," and 10

substituting the word "not."

7. Subsection two of section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in the proviso thereto, after the words "section forty-four hereof," the words "or the act of appointing an officer of the Council to act in place of the Town Clerk for the 15 purpose of either of those sections."

New.

7a. Section forty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "participating," and substituting the word "interested."

8. Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words: "or, in case of the illness or other

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incapacity of the Town Clerk, by some other officer of the Council appointed for the purpose."

9. Subsection two of section fifty-six of the principal Act is 25 hereby amended by omitting the words "Mayor or Deputy Mayor is absent," and substituting the words "Mayor and the Deputy Mayor (if any) are absent."

New.

9a. Section eighty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended 30 by omitting from subsection three the words "and the extraordinary supply as aforesaid."

10. Subsection two of section one hundred and fourteen of the

principal Act is hereby repealed.

11. Subsection two of section one hundred and twenty-three of 35

the principal Act is hereby repealed.

12. Section one hundred and fifty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso to paragraph (a) thereof the word "hereafter," and substituting the word "thereafter."

13. Section two hundred and eighty-three of the principal Act is 40 hereby amended by omitting subsection four thereof, and substituting

the following:—

"(4.) The amount of every advance shall be a charge on the land upon which the premises are situate, and such amount or the amount of any instalment thereof may be recovered as rates are 45 recovered under the Rating Act, 1908, and the provisions of that Act as to recovery of rates shall apply accordingly."

14. Subsection two of section three hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words "or such higher rate as may be approved by the Minister of Finance."

15. Section three hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act is Section 354 hereby amended by inserting, after the words "the control of the of principal Act Council or the display" in paragraph (15), the words "or continuance of the display."

16. Section three hundred and fifty-eight of the principal Act is Section 358 hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (c) thereof the words of principal Act amended. "ten per centum," and substituting the words "fifteen per centum."

17. Subsection two of section three hundred and eighty-five of section 385 the principal Act is hereby amended as from the commencement of of principal Act amended. 10 that Act by omitting the reference to Part XLII, and substituting a reference to Part XLIII thereof.

18. (1.) The Council may appoint a competent person (to be council to appoint called the Inspector of Buildings) whose duty it shall be, by Inspector of Buildings. direction of the Council, to inspect buildings in the borough erected 15 or used for residential purposes, and any buildings which, being over one story in height, are erected or used for other purposes, and to decide what fire-escapes or means of escape in the case of fire are necessary in the case of any such building.

(2.) Nothing in this section shall apply within any borough 20 which is a fire district or part of a united fire district.

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