

(Mr. Tairaro).

Maori Representation Acts Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make provision for an Increased Representation of the Maori People in Parliament.

Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make provision for increased representation of the Maori people in Parliament :

Preamble.

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

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1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Maori Representation Acts 1867 and 1872 Amendment Act, 1873."

Short Title.

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2. In addition to the four Members of the House of Representatives, for the election of whom provision is made by the said Acts, there shall be one other Member elected under the provisions of the said Act to represent in the said House the inhabitants of the Colony of the Maori race.

An additional Maori Member.

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3. The Governor may, by Proclamation to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, divide so much of the Colony of New Zealand as is contained within the boundaries of the Western Maori Electoral District and the Eastern Maori Electoral District as defined in the Schedule to the said Act and the Proclamation of Electoral Districts made thereunder on the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the sixth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, into three Maori Electoral Districts, and may by such Proclamation define the boundaries of such three Electoral Districts and give a name to each such district so proclaimed, and thereupon the said Western Maori Electoral District and Eastern Maori Electoral District shall be abolished and cease to be districts under the said Act or this Act.

Western and Eastern Maori Electoral Districts divided into three Electoral Districts.

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One Member for each district.

4. For each of the said three Electoral Districts there shall be returned one Member.

Present Members to retain their seats.

5. The person who, on the publishing of such Proclamation so dividing the said two districts into three, is Member for either of the said two districts so abolished shall (if in all other respects duly qualified) be deemed to be and be the Member for such one of the said three districts so constituted by such Proclamation as the Governor shall in and by such Proclamation appoint, as if duly elected for such district.

Writ for new district to issue.

6. Immediately upon the constitution of such three new Electoral Districts, a Writ shall be issued for the election of a Member for such one of the said districts to which no Member is appointed under the preceding section of this Act.

Certain sections of Act of 1867 to apply to new districts.

7. The sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and twelfth sections of "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," as amended by "The Maori Representation Act Amendment and Continuance Act, 1872," shall apply to the Electoral Districts constituted by such Proclamation and the Members thereof, and generally as if such districts had been constituted by the said amended Acts.