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NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the New Zealand University. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable to reconstitute the Senate of the New Zealand University with a view to connecting it more closely with the affiliated institutions : Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Zealand University Act Amendment Act, 1901," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The New Zealand University Act, 1874." Short Title.

2. The University of New Zealand shall hereafter consist of a Chancellor, a Vice-Chancellor, members of the Senate, and graduates. Constitution of University.

3. The persons who immediately before the coming into operation of this Act were the Fellows of the University shall, on the day of the first meeting of the reconstituted Senate after the coming into operation of this Act, cease to be Fellows or members of the Senate, but shall in the meantime and afterwards be eligible for appointment as members of the Senate ; and the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor then in office shall hold their respective offices until their successors are appointed, as hereinafter provided. Existing members of Senate.

4. The Senate shall consist of twenty-five members, appointed as follows :— Constitution of Senate.

A group of four members shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

Eight members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the four affiliated institutions—to wit, a group of two by the University of Otago, a group of two by the Canterbury College, a group of two by the Auckland University College, and a group of two by the Victoria College.

- One member shall be appointed by each of the Professorial Boards or Councils of the four affiliated institutions—namely, the University of Otago, Canterbury College, Auckland University College, and Victoria College.
- A group of eight members shall be appointed by the Court of Convocation of the University. 5
- One member shall be the person for the time being holding the office of Inspector-General of Schools, and he shall by force of this Act be deemed to be a statutory member of the Senate whilst holding the office aforesaid. 10
- Mode of appointment.** 5. With respect to the first appointment of members of the Senate, the following provisions shall apply:—
- (1.) The members appointed by the governing bodies and Professorial Boards or Councils of the affiliated institutions shall be appointed by a resolution of the governing body or of the Professorial Board or Council of each such institution, as the case may be. 15
- (2.) The members appointed by the Court of Convocation shall be appointed as prescribed by the principal Act.
- (3.) In every case the appointments shall be made not later than the first day of April next after the passing of this Act. 20
- Election of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.** 6. The Senate shall at its first meeting after the passing of this Act, and thereafter whenever required, elect out of its members a Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, who whilst members of the Senate shall hold office for such period not exceeding two years as the Senate fixes, but shall be eligible for re-election. 25
- Retirement of members of Senate.** 7. (1.) Out of each of the groups of the members first appointed by the Governor in Council, the governing bodies of the affiliated institutions, and the Court of Convocation respectively, one-half of the members shall retire from office on the thirtieth day of April in each alternate year, beginning with the year one thousand nine hundred and *four*; and the Senate at its first meeting shall determine by lot the order in which the members in each group shall retire. 30 35
- (2.) The members appointed by the Professorial Boards or Councils of the affiliated institutions shall retire from office on the thirtieth day of April in each alternate year, beginning with the year one thousand nine hundred and *four*.
- (3.) Retiring members shall be eligible for reappointment. 40
- Duration of office.** 8. Subject to the provisions of the *last preceding* section, the ordinary term of office of the members appointed by the Professorial Boards or Councils of the affiliated institutions shall be two years, but the ordinary term of office of all other members of the Senate (other than the Inspector-General of Schools) shall be four years. 45
- Vacancies.** 9. (1.) If any member of the Senate,—
- (a.) Dies, or, by letter to the Senate, resigns his seat; or
- (b.) Becomes bankrupt, or of unsound mind; or
- (c.) Fails to attend at two consecutive annual meetings,— 50
- he shall thereupon cease to be a member, and the vacancy thereby occurring shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy.

(2.) Every casual vacancy shall be filled up in the same manner and by the same appointing authority as in the case of the vacating member :

5 Provided that the member appointed shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

10 10. (1.) The appointment of a member to fill up a vacancy caused by the expiry of the ordinary term of office shall be made in the first week of the month of March next preceding such expiry, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, but shall not take effect until such expiry. When vacancies to be filled up.

(2.) The appointment of a member to fill up a casual vacancy shall be made not sooner than thirty days nor later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs.

15 (3.) If any vacancy is not filled up within sixty days after the vacancy occurs the Governor in Council shall forthwith fill up such vacancy.

20 11. Whenever a casual vacancy occurs it shall be the duty of the Senate forthwith to report the fact to the Minister of Education, if the vacancy is to be filled by the Governor in Council, or to the appointing body in every other case. Casual vacancy to be reported.

12. Where an appointment of a member of the Senate has been made by an appointing body it shall be the duty of such body forthwith to report the appointment to the Minister of Education and to the Senate. Appointments to Senate to be reported.

25 13. The members of the Senate appointed under this Act shall be the Fellows of the University in the meaning of the principal Act, the number of whom is hereby increased to twenty-five. Senate to be Fellows.

14. The principal Act and the statutes and regulations of the University are hereby modified in so far as they conflict with this Act. Principal Act modified.