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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, 1902"; 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. (1.) Wherever the words "Court of Convocation" or "Convocation" occur in the principal Act they shall mean the General Court of Convocation, which shall have all the powers assigned to Convocation in the principal Act except the power of electing Fellows to the Senate. General Court of Convocation.

(2.) The General Court of Convocation of the University shall consist of all those persons who are members of the four District Courts of Convocation as hereinafter defined. Constitution.

(3.) For the purposes of this Act and of the principal Act the colony shall be divided into four University districts as described in the Schedule hereto ; but the Governor may by Order in Council at any time adjust the boundaries of such districts.

(4.) There shall be four District Courts of Convocation, one for each of the aforesaid University districts. 5

(5.) Each District Court of Convocation shall consist of the persons whose names are enrolled on a register to be kept by the Registrar of the affiliated institution in such district.

(6.) Every person shall be entitled to have his name enrolled (without fee) on the Register of a District Court of Convocation who— 10

(a.) Is a graduate of the University (by examination or *ad eundem*) ; and

(b.) Is on the books of the affiliated institution in the University district, or has resided in the district for not less than three months immediately preceding his enrolment : 15

Provided that any person having the requisite qualification may have his name transferred from one register to another.

(7.) The Senate of the University may make regulations for the keeping of the Registers of the District Courts of Convocation and for the holding of elections of members of the Senate by the District Courts of Convocation ; and, subject to the Act and such regulations, each District Court of Convocation shall have power to make such rules for the conduct of its business as it deems fit. 20 25

(8.) Any District Court of Convocation may make representations to the Senate on any matter concerning the interests of the University.

Constitution of Senate.

5. The Senate shall consist of twenty-four members, appointed as follows :— 30

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. 35

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. 40

Eight members shall be elected by the District Courts of Convocation—to wit, a group of two by each such Court.

Mode of appointment.

6. With respect to the first appointment of members of the Senate, the following provisions shall apply :— 45

(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. 50

(2.) The election of members by the District Courts of Convocation shall be by sealed voting-papers, which may be

delivered either personally or by post, or otherwise; and the Registrar of the affiliated institution in each University district shall be the Returning Officer to conduct elections of such members.

5 (3.) In every case the appointments shall be made not later than the first day of June next after the passing of this Act.

7. 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  
10 Senate shall hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Senate fixes, but shall be eligible for re-election.

Election of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

8. (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 District Courts of Convocation respectively,  
15 one-half of the members shall retire from office on the thirtieth day of June in each third year, beginning with the year one thousand nine hundred and *six*.

Retirement of members of Senate.

(2.) Out of the four members appointed by the Professorial Boards or Councils of the affiliated institutions two shall retire from  
20 office on the thirtieth day of June in each third year, beginning with the year one thousand nine hundred and *six*.

(3.) The Senate at its first meeting shall determine by lot the order in which the members shall retire under this section.

(4.) Retiring members shall be eligible for reappointment.

25 9. Subject to the provisions of the *last preceding* section, the ordinary term of office of all members of the Senate shall be six years.

Duration of office.

10. (1.) If any member of the Senate,—

Vacancies.

(a.) Dies, or, by letter to the Senate, resigns his seat; or

30 (b.) Becomes bankrupt, or of unsound mind; or

(c.) Fails to attend at two consecutive annual meetings,—  
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  
35 and by the same appointing authority as in the case of the vacating member:

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

40 11. (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 May 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  
45 shall be made not sooner than thirty days nor later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs.

(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.

50 12. 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.

Appointments to  
Senate to be  
reported.

13. 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.

Senate to be  
Fellows.

14. 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 appointed to be twenty-four. 5

Principal Act  
modified.

15. The principal Act and the statutes and regulations of the University are hereby modified in so far as they conflict with this Act, and in particular the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:— 10

- (1.) By repealing section eight thereof;
- (2.) As to section nine thereof, by repealing all words after the words "entitled to vote"; and
- (3.) As to section twenty-four thereof, by repealing all words after the words "as *ad eundem* degrees." 15

Schedule.

### SCHEDULE.

#### UNIVERSITY DISTRICTS.

THE Auckland University District, comprising the Provincial District of Auckland.

The Victoria University District, comprising the Provincial Districts of Wellington, Nelson, Westland, Marlborough, Hawke's Bay, and Taranaki.

The Canterbury University District, comprising the Provincial District of Canterbury.

The Otago University District, comprising the Provincial District of Otago.