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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Granting of Pensions to Persons retiring from the Public Service of the Colony. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the laws now in force which provide for the granting of pensions or other superannuation allowances to persons retiring from the public service should be amended in manner following : 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 Pensions Act, 1881." Short Title.

2. From and after the passing of this Act no pension, superannuation or other annual allowance, of any kind or character whatsoever, shall be granted or paid to any person retiring from the public service of this colony, excepting in accordance with the provisions hereof. Pensions only to be granted under this Act.

3. No such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance, shall be paid without the knowledge of the said General Assembly. General Assembly to be notified of intention to grant pension.

4. Whenever any person shall retire from the public service of the colony, or shall from any cause whatever cease to be employed in such service, it shall not be lawful to grant or allow to such person any pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance, unless and until the proposal to grant such pension or allowance shall have been notified to the said General Assembly in Parliament assembled. Notification.

5. At the same time that any such notification shall be made, there shall be placed before the said General Assembly an official report upon the case of the person affected by such notification ; and no action shall be taken to procure the granting of such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance referred to in such notification and report, until the end of the session of the said General Assembly during which such notification and report shall be given and made. Report on case laid on table.

Pension may be
reused.

6. At any time during the said session the House of Representatives may, by direct vote, forbid the granting of such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance.

Pensioner re-entering
public service to
receive salary less
amount of pension.

7. In case any person who shall be in receipt of any such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance, shall again become entitled to any salary or fixed payment payable out of colonial revenue, the amount of such pension, superannuation or other annual retiring allowance, shall be deducted from the amount of such salary or fixed payment, and only the balance of such salary or fixed payment (if any) shall be payable to such person.

Pensioners dis-
qualified to sit in
General Assembly.

8. From and after the passing of this Act no person who shall hereafter become entitled to any pension, superannuation or retiring allowance, payable out of colonial revenue, shall be eligible to sit in the General Assembly of New Zealand.

Repeal.

9. Every law now in force in this colony having reference to the granting of such pensions, superannuation allowances, or other annual retiring allowances, is, so far as such law shall be repugnant to the provisions of this Act, hereby repealed.