

Hon. Sir G. Grey.

Plurality of Votes.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish Plurality of Voting in certain cases.

BE IT 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 Plurality of Votes Act, 1879.”

2. In the interpretation of this Act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the context repugnant thereto or inconsistent therewith, that is to say,—

“Local governing body” means and includes every Council, Board, Commissioners, Trustees, or other persons having power under any Act or Ordinance to levy rates, dues, or fees.

“Voters’ roll” means any list or roll in force for the time being containing the names of persons entitled to vote at the election of a member of any such local governing body.

3. Every person whose name is on any voters’ roll, and entitled to vote at any election of a member of a local governing body, or of any Chairman, Mayor, or other person elected under or by virtue of any voters’ roll, or entitled to vote at any meeting held for any purpose under any Act or Ordinance constituting or referring to any such body, shall be entitled to have and exercise one vote and no more, and every such person shall have all such rights and privileges, and be subject to all such pains, penalties, and liabilities in respect thereof, as if originally his name had been inserted on such voters’ roll in respect of one vote.

But this provision shall only be operative in cases where any corporation or body of persons represented by any such local governing body receives or is paid any subsidy out of the general revenue of the colony, or receives any other moneys or revenues under or by virtue of any Act or Ordinance, which but for such Act or Ordinance would have formed part of the general revenue of the colony.

4. Every Act, Ordinance, regulation, or law inconsistent herewith or repugnant hereto, but only to the extent to which the same shall be so inconsistent or repugnant, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.