

Hon. Mr. Tairaoa.

QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS ACT 1879 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to confer on Maori Leaseholders a Right to Vote at the Election of Members of the House of Representatives. Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Qualification of Electors Act 1879 Amendment Act, 1885." Short Title.

10 2. Every male Maori of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, having a leasehold estate in possession, situate within any electoral district constituted under "The Representation Act, 1881," for the election of a member or members of the House of Representatives, of the clear annual value of *ten* pounds, held upon a lease which at the time of registration shall have not less than three years to run, or, having a leasehold so situate and of such value as aforesaid of which  
15 he has been in possession for one year or upwards at the time of such registration, and not being registered in respect of any other qualification for the same district, shall be entitled to be registered under "The Registration of Electors Act, 1879," and to vote at the election of members of the House of Representatives. Maori leaseholder entitled to register and vote.

20 3. This Act shall be read as part of "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879," and all the provisions of that Act shall apply as though section *two* of this Act had been inserted therein. Act to be part of original Act.

Defendant may  
plead general issue.

Such notice shall clearly and explicitly set forth the nature of the intended action and cause thereof, and on such notice shall be indorsed the name and place of abode of the party intending to bring such action, and the name and place of business of his attorney or agent; and the defendant in every such action may plead the general issue, and at the trial thereof give this Act and the special matter in evidence. 5

Number of amends.

113. No plaintiff shall recover in any such action if tender of sufficient amends have been made before such action was brought, or if a sufficient sum of money have been paid into Court after the commencement of such action by or on behalf of the defendant; and if the matter or thing complained of appear to have been done under the authority and in execution of this Act, or if any such action be brought after the time limited for bringing the same, or such notice have not been given as aforesaid, then the jury shall find, or judgment shall be given, for the defendant. 10 15

Writ of execution against  
Commissioners.

114. No writ of execution shall be issued against the Board until the expiration of fourteen days next after final judgment has been completely signed.

Ways, &c., not  
liable to seizure in  
execution.

115. No railway and no real property now or hereafter vested in the Board of any district shall be liable to be sold under any writ of execution or other process of any Court of law or equity. 20

Service of notices.

116. All notices, requisitions, orders, regulations, appointments, certificates, certified copies, and other documents in writing signed by the Secretary to the Board or some other officer nominated by them for that purpose, and all certificates of anything done by them in relation to this Act, and certified copies of the minutes of proceedings or correspondence of the Board in relation thereto, signed by such Secretary or officer as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof, without proof of the authority of the person signing the same or of the signature thereto, in the absence of evidence to the contrary. 25 30

Service of notices.

117. All notices, returns, and other documents required by this Act to be given to or laid before the Board shall be delivered at or sent by post addressed to their office; and service of the same at one of the principal offices of the Board on the Secretary or Clerk of the said Board, or by sending the same by post addressed to him at such office, shall be deemed good service upon the said Commissioners. 35

Penalties, &c.

118. All penalties imposed under this Act, or by any by-law thereunder, may be recovered in a summary way under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." 40