

Hon. Mr. Gisborne.

Qualification of Electors.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Qualification of Electors and Members of the House of Representatives.

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 shall be “The Qualification of Electors Act 1871.”

2. Besides the qualifications which immediately before the passing of this Act entitled persons to vote in the election of members of the House of Representatives the following qualification shall entitle persons to vote in such election (that is to say):—

- 10 (1.) Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards not subject to any legal incapacity having a salary of not less than one hundred pounds a year and having enjoyed the same for at least six calendar months next before the last registration of electors and having resided and served at some place within one and the same Electoral District during the said period of six calendar months shall if duly registered be entitled to vote at the election of a Member or Members for such Electoral District.
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- 20 (2.) Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards not subject to any legal incapacity being the occupant of any room or lodging situate within an Electoral District and paying for his board and lodging not less than forty pounds a year or for his lodging only at the rate of ten pounds a year and having occupied the same room or lodging for at

least six calendar months next before the last registration of electors shall if duly registered be entitled to vote at the election of a Member or Members for such Electoral District.

- (3.) Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards not 5
 subject to any legal incapacity who at the last registration
 of electors shall under any Act of the General Assembly
 or any Act or Ordinance of the Provincial Council of any
 Province relating to municipal corporations or to cities
 boroughs towns highway districts or road districts be en- 10
 rolled upon the citizens or burgess roll of any city borough
 or town or any ward or division thereof or on the voters roll
 or ratepayers roll of any city borough town or any ward or
 division thereof or of any highway district or road district
 or any division thereof in respect of ratable property situate 15
 within an Electoral District or whose name shall at the
 last registration of electors be entered on the rate-book of
 any such city town borough highway district or road district
 or any division thereof in respect of ratable property situate 20
 within an Electoral District shall if duly registered be
 entitled to vote at the election of a Member or Members
 for such Electoral District

3. The qualifications created by this Act shall be in addition to
 and not in substitution for any existing qualifications but so that no
 person shall be entitled to vote for the same Electoral District for more 25
 than one qualification. The provisions contained in the fourth sixth
 eighth and forty-second sections of the Constitution Act and all other
 enactments relating to qualifications of electors and candidates and to
 registration of persons entitled to vote and to election of Members of 30
 the House of Representatives Superintendents of Provinces and Mem-
 bers of Provincial Councils shall be construed and read as if the enact-
 ments contained in the last preceding section of this Act were con-
 tained in the seventh section of the Constitution Act and shall apply
 as nearly as circumstances admit to any person hereby authorized to
 vote and to the qualifications hereby created. 35
