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(Hon. Mr. Reynolds.)

Qualification of Electors.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Qualification of Electors and 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:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1875." Short Title.

2. Besides the qualification 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, subject to this Act, entitle persons to vote in such elections, that is to say,— Additional qualification of electors.

10 Every male person of the full age of twenty-one years not subject to any legal incapacity, if he shall be a natural-born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty, and if he has resided in New Zealand for twelve calendar months next before the last registration of electors, and in one and the same electoral district during the said period of twelve calendar months, shall, if duly registered, be entitled to vote at the election of a Member or Members for such electoral district.

15 In the construction of this section the expression "last registration of electors" shall be deemed to mean the last day on which objections to claims to vote may by any law for the time being be served on the officer or person appointed or entitled to receive notice thereof.

20 3. The qualifications created by this Act shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any existing qualifications save as hereinafter expressly provided; but so that no person shall be entitled to vote for the same electoral district for more than one qualification. New qualification to be in addition to existing qualifications.

25 4. The provisions contained in the fourth, sixth, eighth, and first-second sections of the Constitution Act, and all other enactments relating to qualifications of electors and candidates, and to the registration of persons entitled to vote, and to the election of Members of Provisions of sections 4, 6, 8, and 42 of the Constitution Act apply to this Act. Other enactments also to apply.

the House of Representatives, Superintendents of Provinces, and Members of Provincial Councils, shall be construed and read as if the enactments contained in the second section hereof were contained 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 qualification hereby created. 5

Upon coming into force of electoral rolls for 1876, Miners' Representation Acts repealed.

5. Upon the coming into force of the electoral rolls which by virtue of "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," will come into force on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, or on such other day as such electoral rolls shall come into force under the law for the time being, the Acts mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby repealed; but all acts matters and things had made done or performed, or which may have happened under the enactments hereby repealed or any of them, shall be of the same force and effect, and all offences against and punishments and penalties incurred under the said enactments or any of them, may be dealt with inflicted and enforced upon and against all persons liable thereto, and in like manner as to each case herein mentioned, as if no such repeal had taken place. 10 15

Preservation of rights &c. of miners till preceding section takes effect.

6. All persons who may be qualified to vote at any election of Members of the House of Representatives or of any Provincial Council by virtue of being the holders of miners' rights or business licenses shall, until the last preceding section shall take effect, continue to have and may exercise the like privileges which they are entitled to have and exercise as the holders of such miners' rights or business licenses respectively, but not further or otherwise; the meaning and intent hereof being, that until the said electoral rolls for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six shall have come into force, none of the persons in this section mentioned shall be deprived of any privileges which but for this Act they would have continued to enjoy. 20 25 30

Holders of miners' rights or business licenses not to exercise right of voting, if otherwise qualified in same district.

7. Nothing in the preceding section contained shall be construed to permit the holder of any such miner's right or business license to exercise any right of voting thereon, if within the electoral district in which he seeks to exercise such right of voting he is by virtue of any other qualification a duly registered elector. 35

Act not to apply to Maoris during continuance of Maori Representation Acts.

8. So long as "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," or any Act amending continuing or extending the same, shall remain in force, and so long as any person elected under the provisions of the said Act or of any Act amending or continuing the same shall hold his seat thereunder, whether as a member of the House of Representatives or of any Provincial Council, no aboriginal native of New Zealand shall be entitled under the provisions of this Act to be registered as an elector, or to vote at any election 40

Schedule

SCHEDULE.

Date of Act.	Short Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
26 Viet., No. 10	"The Miners Representation Act, 1862."	The whole.
27 Viet., No. 17	"The Miners Representation Act Amendment Act, 1863."	The whole.
29 Viet., No. 61	"The Miners Representation Act Amendment Act, 1865."	The whole.
32 Viet., No. 70	"The Miners Representation Act, Amendment Act, 1868."	The whole.
33 and 34 Viet., No. 16	"The Qualifications of Electors Act, 1870."	Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9
36 Viet., No. 36	"The Miners Rights Extension Act, 1872."	Section 3.