

Hon. Mr. Hislop.

REPRESENTATION ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Representation Act, 1887."

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 Representation Act Amendment Act, 1889."

Short Title.

2. Subsections two, three, four, and five of section three of "The Representation Act, 1887" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Section 3 of principal Act amended.

10 (2.) In computing for the purposes of this Act the population of the following portions of the colony, that is to say, the Cities of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and every borough and town district any part of which is within one mile from any part of any of the said cities, a deduction of twenty-five per centum shall be made from the number of the population of such cities, boroughs, and town districts.

15 (4.) The total population of the colony (other than Maoris), less the deductions made from the cities, boroughs, and districts aforesaid, shall be divided by the number of members, and the quotient thus obtained shall be the quota.

20 (5.) There shall be four city electoral districts, to be called respectively Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin; and there shall be assigned to each of them three members.

25 The extent of each of the said city electoral districts shall respectively be such that the population thereof, after making the deduction aforesaid, shall not exceed or fall short by more than seven hundred and fifty for each member the quota multiplied by the number of members assigned to such electoral district.

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In order to make up any city electoral district where the city itself shall not include a sufficient population after making the deduction aforesaid, there shall be included with the city such boroughs and town districts near the said city as, in the opinion of the Commissioners, can be most conveniently included with the same; and if there shall not be sufficient population within such boroughs and town districts after making the deduction aforesaid, then there shall be included such areas of the adjacent or surrounding country as can, in the opinion of the Commissioners, be most conveniently included.

The remainder of the colony shall be divided into as many districts as there are other members (not Maori members) to be returned.

The extent of such last-mentioned electoral districts shall respectively be such that one member shall be assigned to each district, and that at the time of making such division the population thereof, after making any deduction required by subsection two, shall not exceed or fall short of the quota by more than seven hundred and fifty.

3. The principal Act and any Act amending the same shall, as from the commencement of this Act, take effect subject to the substitutions required by this Act.

Construction of
principal Act.