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RATING ACT AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law for regulating the Making and Levying of Rates. 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 is "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1904 (No. 2)"; and it shall be read with "The Rating Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. The proviso of subsection eleven of section two of the principal Act shall not apply to the following Native lands:— Certain Native lands shall pay full rates.

(a.) All lands that have been at any time acquired by purchase, lease, or in any other way whatsoever for valuable consideration from the Crown, or from any European, or from any other person.

(b.) All lands that have at any time been liable for full rates.

(c.) All lands incorporated under Part II. of Division II. of "The Native Land Court Act, 1899."

(d.) All other lands, not being papatupu lands, the Governor in Council may, by order published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*, declare to be subject to the provisions of this Act.

3. Subsection three of section two of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby repealed. Repeal.

4. In respect of any Native land rateable under the principal Act, no judgment for the amount of any rates due shall be given or signed after five years from the time when such rates first became due, anything in section sixty-one of the principal Act notwithstanding. Limit of time for recovery of overdue rates.

5. (1.) In respect to lands included in subsections (a) and (b) of section two, the Valuer-General shall cause such lands to be entered on the district valuation roll in accordance with the provisions of "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896," subject to the following provisions:— Such lands to be entered on valuation roll.

(a.) If the land is not partitioned, then the Valuer-General shall insert such names as he thinks fit as nominated owners, as provided by section two of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1896," not exceeding one name for each fifty owners, such nominated owner to have one vote and no more. 5

(b.) If the land is partitioned or the relative interests of owners have been defined, then the Valuer-General shall enter the names of each owner and the value of his interest on the roll. 10

(2.) In respect to incorporated lands, the Valuer-General shall enter the name of the chairman of the corporation as owner, and shall value the block as a whole.

(3.) In respect to lands included in subsection (d) of section two, the Native Minister may direct the Valuer-General to value the block in accordance with the provisions of "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896," and may direct certain of the owners to be entered as nominated owners under section two of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1896," not exceeding one name for each fifty owners of the block, each such nominated owner to have one vote and no more. 15 20

(4.) Any alteration of the roll under this section shall be deemed to be an alteration under section eleven of "The Government Valuation of Land Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Repeal.

6. Section three of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1896," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:— 25

Maori Council may administer lands on default of payment of rates.

"In lieu of granting such consent, the Native Minister, if he deems it expedient in the interests of all parties so to do, may authorise the District Maori Land Council of the district within which the land is situated (hereinafter referred to as 'the Council') to administer the whole or any part of the land, and in any such case the following provisions shall apply:— 30

"(a.) A notice by the Minister in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti* that the Council is authorised to administer the land or any specified portion thereof shall be conclusive evidence of the fact. 35

"(b.) The District Land Registrar shall, upon production of an approved plan of the land, register a copy of such notice, and thereupon the land shall be vested in the Council as if the same had been duly transferred to the Council under the provisions of 'The Maori Land Administration Act, 1900.' 40

"(c.) The land shall be held by the Council upon such terms as to leasing, cutting-up, managing, improving, and raising money upon the same, not being inconsistent with the provisions of the last-mentioned Act, as may be specified in such notice, and shall be dealt with in the same manner, *mutatis mutandis*, as Maori lands duly transferred to the Council under the provisions of the said Act. 45

"(d.) The Council shall pay to the Local Authority out of any funds at its disposal all rates due on any such land." 50

Repeals.

7. Section sixty-eight of the principal Act, and section four of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1896," are hereby repealed.