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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Representation Acts Title. 1860 and 1862.

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Representation Act Short Title. 1865.”

II. After the termination of the present Session of the General Increase of repre- Assembly the House of Representatives shall consist of seventy sentation. Members.

III. For the purpose of the future election of Members of the Districts Constitu- House of Representatives the heretofore electoral districts of Cheviot ted and number of Kaiapoi Avon Heathcote Ellesmere Akaroa Timaru Hampden Dunedin members.. and suburbs North Dunedin and suburbs South Bruce and Wallace are annulled and the electoral districts as the same are respectively named defined and set forth in the Schedule to this Act are hereby constituted in their stead for the purpose of such election and the number of members to be returned by each district respectively shall be as set forth opposite the name of such district in the aforesaid Schedule.

IV. The Colonial Secretary shall cause properly authenticated Maps of districts to Maps of the Electoral Districts constituted by the Act to be deposited be deposited. in the office of the Clerk of the said House.

V. Immediately after the passing of this Act Registration Officers Rolls to be formed. to be appointed for districts constituted by this Act shall form new Electoral Rolls for such districts respectively.

VI. For the purpose of framing such new Electoral Rolls the name Instruction for pre- of every elector on the roll which under the provisions of “The paring rolls. Registration of Electors Act 1858” will come into force on the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five of the Electoral Districts constituted by this Act and whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situate within either of the

Electoral Districts constituted by this Act shall be removed from such roll and shall be placed on the new Electoral Roll of that one of the Electoral Districts constituted by this Act in which the lands or tenements in respect whereof he is so registered are situated. Provided that if any elector on the former rolls be registered in respect of lands or tenements situate in two or more of the new districts constituted by this Act the Registration Officer may in forming the new rolls omit the name of such elector from the roll of either one or more of the new Electoral Districts within which such elector may not appear to the Registration Officer to have a sufficient electoral qualification.

Publication and duration of rolls.

VII. Upon such new Electoral Rolls being so formed as aforesaid the same shall forthwith be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary and shall be published in such convenient manner as the Governor shall direct and from the day of such publication the Electoral Roll formed for each district shall be the Electoral Roll to be used for such district for all purposes until a revised Electoral Roll for the same shall be in force under the provisions of the law for the time being for the Registration of Electors.

Time of issue of writs.

VIII. Writs shall not be issued for the election of Members of the House of Representatives for the districts constituted by this Act until after the dissolution or expiration of the present Parliament whereupon and after the formation of the new rolls they shall be so issued.

SCHEDULE.

CHEVIOT—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the north by the Wairau Electoral District On the West by a right line from Princess Mountain to the head of Lake Sumner thence by a right line to the source of the Teramakau River and by the Coleridge District hereinafter defined; On the South by the River Waipara from the sea to the source of its southern branch thence by a right line to the source of the River Ashley thence along that river to the south-east boundary of Pasturage Run 235 thence along a branch of the River Ashley forming the southern boundary of the said Pasturage Run to the source of such branch thence by a right line to the south bank of the Waimakariri River On the East by the sea from the mouth of the River Waipara to the mouth of the River Clarence.

ASHLEY—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the Cheviot District hereinbefore defined On the West by the Coleridge District hereinafter defined On the South by the south bank of the River Waimakariri from the boundary of the Cheviot District to the boundary of the Kaiapoi District hereinafter defined and by the said Kaiapoi District On the East by a line drawn due north and south through Trig. Pole c. 29 on the south bank of the Waimakariri from the Waimakariri to the River Ashley and by the sea.

KAIAPOI—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the river Ashley On the West by the Ashley District hereinbefore defined On the South by the south bank of the river Waimakariri and a line drawn from Trig. Pole c. 19 on the south bank of that river to Trig. Pole c. 27 on the sea coast and on the East by the sea.

AVON—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the Kaiapoi District hereinbefore defined On the West by the Selwyn District hereinafter defined On the South by the north bank of the River Avon from its mouth to the point where it meets the boundary of the City of Christchurch Electoral District thence by the boundary of that district as far as the south-east corner of Rural Section No. 10 thence by the south boundary of that section and the south-east boundary of Section 145 till it is crossed by a creek running easterly into the river Heathcote thence by that creek till it is intersected by a line in continuation of the south-eastern boundary line of Section 180 thence by that line to the south-east corner of section 180 thence by the south boundaries of sections 180 211 240 and 337 and by the north side of the road on the south boundaries of those sections continued to the point where that road first meets a branch of the River Heathcote and thence by a line due west to the Selwyn District hereinafter defined and on the East by the sea.

HEATHCOTE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the Avon District hereinbefore defined and the City of Christchurch hereinafter defined On the West by the Selwyn District hereinafter defined On the South by the ridge of hills from the Flagstaff on Mount Pleasant to the highest of the peaks called Cooper's Knobs thence by a line to the point where the River Halswell meets Lake Ellesmere and by the north shore of that lake and on the East by a right line from the Flagstaff on Mount Pleasant to the Point where the Ferry road crosses the river Heathcote at the swing bridge and thence by the shore of the Heathcote Estuary to its mouth.

ELLESMERE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises all that portion of the Province of Canterbury included between the seacoast Lake Forsythe Lake Ellesmere the Heathcote District hereinbefore defined and the Akaroa Electoral District hereinafter defined

AKAROA—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the West by a right line drawn across Banks' Peninsula from a point midway between Port Levy and Pigeon Bay southerly to the head of Little River and thence by that river and Lake Forsythe to the seacoast and on other sides by the sea.

SELWYN—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the East by the Avon and Heathcote Districts hereinbefore described and by the western shore of Lake Ellesmere On the South by the sea and by the south bank of the Rakaia River from the sea to the Great South Road On the West by the Great South Road from the Rakaia River to the Selwyn River thence by a right line to the south-west corner of Pasturage Run No. 39 thence by the western boundary of that run to the south bank of the Waimakariri River and on the North by the Ashley District hereinbefore defined.

COLERIDGE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the East by the Selwyn District hereinbefore defined and by the sea On the South by the north bank of the Rangitata River from the sea to the source of the main branch of that river On the West and North by the summit of the main range of the Southern Alps On the North by the south bank of the Waimakariri River from the boundary of the Selwyn District to the River Poulter and along the summit of the hills on the western side of that river to the summit of the main range before mentioned.

TIMARU—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the north bank of the Rangitata River from the sea to the western boundary of Pasturage Run No. 20 On the West by the western boundary of the said run to the point where it meets the Orari River thence by a right line to the western boundary of Pasturage Run No. 28 thence along that boundary to the point at which it strikes the Ophi River thence along that river to its junction with the Tengawai River thence along the east bank of that river to a point opposite Section 5209 crossing the river and following down a small stream to the River Pareora on the South by the south bank of the River Pareora On the East by the sea.

GLADSTONE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the Timaru District and the Coleridge District hereinbefore defined On the West by the summit of the main range of the Southern Alps On the South by the southern boundary of the Province of Canterbury from the sea to Lake Ohou thence along the western shore of that lake and the west bank of the Ohou River and the Hopkins River to the source of the river Hopkins thence by the summit of the main range as far as the southern boundary of the Province of Canterbury thence by that boundary to the West Coast On the East by the sea and the Timaru District hereinbefore defined.

WESTLAND—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the northern boundary of the Province of Canterbury On the West by the sea On the South by the southern boundary of the said Province On the East by the summit of the main range of the Southern Alps.

CITY OF DUNEDIN—TWO MEMBERS.

This Electoral District comprises the City of Dunedin as the boundaries thereof are described on the map of the same in the Crown Lands Office at Dunedin.

ROSLYN—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises so much of the present Dunedin Hundred as lies to the north of the Half-way Bush Road excepting the Town of Port Chalmers as hereinbefore described.

CAVERSHAM—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises so much of the present Dunedin Hundred as lies to the south of the Half-way Bush Road.

PORT CHALMERS—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises the Town of Port Chalmers as the boundaries thereof are described on the map of the same in the Crown Lands Office at Dunedin.

TAICRI—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises so much of the heretofore Electoral District of Bruce as lies to the north of the Waipori River excepting the present Hawkesbury Hundred.

BRUCE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises so much of the heretofore Electoral District of Bruce as lies within a line from the source of the Waipori River to Lammerlaw Peak, thence to the source of the Waitahuna River, thence down that river to its confluence with the Clutha River, and thence by the Clutha River to the sea excepting the Gold-fields Townships of Lawrence, Havelock and Outram as the same are defined on the plans thereof in the Crown Lands Office at Dunedin.

CLUTHA—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the northern bank of the River Clutha from the sea to the confluence of the Pomahaka River and by the latter river to the confluence of the Waipahi Creek thence by that creek to the point nearest to Otaraia Peak, thence by a line to the summit of that peak thence by a line to the north-eastern corner of the present Tuturau Hundred, thence along the boundary of that hundred to the Mataura River, and thence down that river to the sea, and by the sea between the mouths of the Clutha and Mataura Rivers.

HAMPDEN—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded by the western boundaries of the present Hawkesbury and Moeraki Hundreds to the point where the western boundary of the latter hundred intersects the Horse Range, thence by a line to the south-western corner of the present Awamoka Hundred, thence along the western boundary of that hundred to the Waitaki River, thence by that river to the sea, and thence by the sea to the southern boundary of the present Hawkesbury Hundred, excepting the Town of Oamaru as hereinafter described.

OAMARU—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises the Town of Oamaru as the boundaries thereof are described on the map of the same in the Crown Lands Office at Dunedin.

LINDIS—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the northern boundary of the present Province of Otago On the East by the boundary of the Hampden Electoral District hereinbefore described On the South and South-east by a line along the summit of the Horse Range, Kakanui Range, Hawkdun Range and Dunstan Range to the Leaning Rock, thence by a line to the confluence of the Kawarau and Clutha Rivers, thence up the Kawarau River to the Wakatipu Lake, thence along the northern shore of that lake to the head of the lake, and thence by a right line to the mouth of the Awarua River excepting the Gold-fields Townships of Queenstown, Frankton, Cromwell, and Arrow as the same are hereinafter defined.

IDABURN—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the South-west by the Clutha River. On the North-west and North by the Electoral District of Lindis as hereinbefore described. On the East by the Electoral Districts of Hampden Taicri, and Bruce as hereinbefore described, excepting the Gold-fields Townships of Clyde, Alexandra, Naseby, Hamilton, Hyde, and Hindon, as hereinafter defined.

GOLD-FIELD BOROUGHS—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises the Gold-fields Townships of Lawrence, Queenstown, Cromwell, Clyde, Alexandra, Naseby, Hamilton, Hyde, and Hindon, as the respective boundaries thereof are described on the plans of the same in the Crown Lands Office at Dunedin and such other Gold-fields Townships as may during the continuance of this Act be proclaimed by the Governor in Council to form part of this district.

INVERCARGILL—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises the City of Invercargill as the boundaries thereof are described on the map of the same in the Crown Lands Office at Invercargill.

MATAURA—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the North by the northern boundary of the block of land known as the "The Two Thousand Acre Block" On the West by the New River On the East by the Mataura River and on the South by the sea excepting the City of Invercargill hereinbefore described.

RIVERTON—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District is bounded on the East by the New River On the North by the northern boundary of the block of land known as the "The Two Thousand Acre Block" On the West by Jacob's River to the boundary of the present Jacob's River Hundred and thence by the western boundary of that hundred to the sea and on the South by the sea.

WALLACE—ONE MEMBER.

This Electoral District comprises all that portion of the Provinces of Otago and Southland not otherwise included in the Electoral Districts constituted by this Act.