

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Representation Acts. 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 Representation Act 1867.” Short Title.

5 2. After the termination of the present Session of the General Assembly the House of Representatives shall consist of seventy-two members. Increase of Representation.

3. Instead of the several Electoral Districts of Waimea and Westland as defined in “The Representation Act 1865” and the Westland and Waimea divided into three districts “Waimea” “Westland North” “Westland South” and “The Westland Boroughs” each to return one member.
10 Schedule thereto and for each of which districts respectively it is in the said Act provided that one member shall be returned to the said House there shall be four electoral districts the boundaries whereof are respectively defined and set forth in the Schedule hereto one shall be named “Waimea” and for it one member shall be returned to the
15 said House and one other shall be named “Westland North” and for it one member shall be returned to the said House and one other shall be named “Westland South” and for it one member shall be returned to the said House and one other shall be named “The Westland Boroughs” and for it one member shall be returned to the said House.

20 4. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council by proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette* from time to time to declare that any town or towns or city or cities situate within either of the Electoral Districts of Westland North or Westland South as constituted by this Act shall be included
25 with and form part of the Electoral District of the Westland Boroughs and from and after such time as shall be fixed in and by any such proclamation for the coming into operation thereof every town or city

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specified in any such proclamation shall form part of the Electoral District of the Westland Boroughs as fully as if such town or city had been specified in the definition of such district contained in the Schedule hereto. Provided however the authority herein given to the Governor to declare towns or cities to be included within the aforesaid electoral district shall extend only to such towns or cities as shall hereafter be incorporated under any Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand. Provided also that no such declaration shall be made or proclaimed before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and the time to be fixed in any such proclamation for the coming into operation thereof shall not be any day in the months of July August September or October in any year and shall be not earlier than ninety days from the day of the first publication of such proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Maps or plans of districts.

5. The said several electoral districts constituted by this Act are delineated on a map or plan [or on maps and plans] authenticated for the purposes of this Act by the signatures of the Speakers of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of New Zealand respectively and are deposited in the office of the Colonial Secretary of New Zealand. And any city or town which shall at any time be declared by any such proclamation as aforesaid to form part of the district of the Westland Boroughs shall be delineated on a map authenticated by the signature of the Governor and shall be deposited within seven days after the day of the first publication of the proclamation relating to such city or town in the office of the Colonial Secretary.

Rolls to be formed.

6. Immediately after the passing of this Act registration officers to be appointed for the districts constituted by this Act shall form new electoral rolls for such districts respectively.

Mode of forming new rolls.

7. For the purpose of framing such new electoral rolls the name of every elector on the roll for any or either of the electoral districts of Waimoa or Westland as constituted before the passing of this Act and which under the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" is now in force [will come into force on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven] and whose qualification is in respect of lands or tenements situated within either of the electoral districts constituted by this Act 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 situate or if such lands or tenements are situate in two or more of the new districts constituted by this Act then such name shall be placed on the several new electoral rolls of those districts constituted by this Act within which such lands or tenements are situate. 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.

8. Upon such new electoral rolls being so framed 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.

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9. The person who has been returned to serve as and at the time of the passing of this Act is member of the said House for the Electoral District of Waimea as constituted before the passing of this Act shall so long as he retains his seat be deemed to be and be for all purposes
 5 the member of the said House for the Electoral District of Waimea as constituted by this Act and the person who has been returned to serve as and at the time of the passing of this Act as member of the said House for the Electoral District of Westland as constituted before
 10 the passing of this Act shall so long as he retains his seat be deemed to be and be for all purposes the member of the said House for the Electoral District of the Westland Boroughs as constituted by this Act.

Present members to represent certain districts.

10. Upon the formation of the aforesaid new electoral rolls for the several districts of Westland North and Westland South but not
 15 earlier than the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven writs shall be issued for the election of one member for the district of Westland North and one member for the district of Westland South.

Issue of writs.

11. From time to time after the publication of any proclamation by
 20 the Governor under the fourth section of this Act the registration officer for the time being of the electoral district of the Westland Boroughs and the registration officer for the time being of each electoral district within which any city or town specified in such proclamation was included at the date of such proclamation shall form
 25 new rolls for the district of the Westland Boroughs as extended by such proclamation and for the electoral district within which any such city or town was included at the date of such proclamation and for the purpose of framing such new rolls the name of every elector on the roll for the time being for any or either of the electoral districts
 30 of Westland North or Westland South and which under the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" is for the time being in force and whose qualification is in respect of lands or tenements situated within the limits of any city or town specified in such proclamation shall be placed on the new roll of the district of the Westland
 35 Boroughs as extended by such proclamation and shall be removed from the roll of the district of Westland North or Westland South as the case may be. And if such lands or tenements are situate partly within any such city or town and partly without then such name shall not be so removed but shall be retained on the roll of Westland North
 40 or Westland South as the case may be but shall also be placed on the new roll for the district of the Westland Boroughs. Provided however that in any such case as last aforesaid the registration officers respectively in forming the new rolls for Westland North or Westland South or the Westland Boroughs may remove or omit as the case may
 45 require the name of any such elector from the roll of either one of such districts so diminished or extended as the case may be by the operation of any such proclamation as aforesaid within which such elector may not appear to the registration officer to have a sufficient electoral qualification and upon such new electoral rolls being so
 50 framed as last aforesaid the same shall be forthwith forwarded to the Colonial Secretary and shall be published in such convenient manner as the Governor shall direct at least fifteen days before the day fixed in such proclamation for the coming into operation thereof and from the day so fixed in such proclamation as aforesaid but not before that
 55 day the electoral roll so formed as last aforesaid 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 Registration of Electors Act 1866" or any other Act

New rolls to be formed upon the extension of the Westland Boroughs District.

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for the time being in force for the registration of electors Provided lastly that until the day so fixed in such proclamation as aforesaid for the coming into operation thereof the electoral districts of Westland North Westland South and the Westland Boroughs as constituted at the time of the publication of such proclamation shall remain unaffected thereby and the rolls for such districts as last aforesaid in force at the time of the first publication of such proclamation under this Act or "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" or which shall come in force under this Act or "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" date of the first publication of such proclamation shall remain in force until and throughout the day previous to the day fixed in such proclamation for the coming into operation thereof.

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12. Every person entitled to vote by virtue of "The Miners' Representation Act 1862" and "The Miners' Representation Act 1863" and "The Miners' Representation Act Amendment Act 1865" shall be qualified to be elected a member of the House of Representatives for either of the said districts of Westland North Westland South and Westland Boroughs provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to disqualify any person for election for either of the said districts if otherwise qualified according to law to be elected a member of the House of Representatives.

Act to continue until dissolution next after 1st October 1871.

13. This Act except so far as the same provides for or relates to the constitution of districts and other matters after the dissolution of the General Assembly hereafter mentioned shall continue in operation until the dissolution of the General Assembly which shall happen next after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one and shall then cease and upon and after such dissolution unless otherwise provided by law the districts of Waimea and Westland as constituted before the passing of this Act shall be electoral districts having boundaries specified in "The Representation Act 1865" and the Schedule thereto and returning the number of members to the House of Representatives in the said Act and Schedule specified and until new electoral rolls shall be made for the said districts of Waimea and Westland under "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" or any other Act for the time being in force regulating the registration of electors for members of the House of Representatives the electoral roll for the time being in force for the district of Waimea as constituted by this Act shall be the electoral roll for the district of Waimea as constituted after such dissolution as aforesaid and the several electoral rolls for the several districts of Westland North Westland South and Westland Boroughs as constituted by this Act shall together form the electoral roll for the district of Westland as constituted after such dissolution as aforesaid and the persons who at the time of such dissolution shall respectively be the returning officer registration officer and revising officer for the district of Waimea as constituted by this Act shall respectively be the returning officer registration officer and revising officer for the district of Waimea as constituted upon and after such dissolution as aforesaid and the persons who at the time of such dissolution as aforesaid shall respectively be the returning officer registration officer and revising officer for the district of Westland Boroughs as constituted by this Act shall respectively be the returning officer registration officer and revising officer for the district of Westland as constituted upon and after such dissolution as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

WAIMEA—ONE MEMBER.

THIS Electoral District comprises all that area which is bounded by the southern boundary of the Motueka Electoral District as defined in the Schedule to "The Repre-

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sentation Act 1860" from the summit of Mount Arthur to the sea thence by the sea and south-western boundary of the Suburbs of Nelson Electoral District the western boundaries of the Picton Electoral District and the Wairau Electoral District as the said districts are defined in the Schedule to "The Representation Act 1860" to the summit of Mount Princess thence by a straight line to the junction of the River Gowan (otherwise called Rotoroa) with the River Buller and thence by a straight line to the commencing point on the summit of Mount Arthur.

WESTLAND NORTH.—ONE MEMBER.

THIS Electoral District comprises all that area which is bounded by the southern boundary of the Collingwood Electoral District as defined in the Schedule to "The Representation Act 1860" and the western boundary of the Waimoa Electoral District hereinbefore defined from the mouth of the River Mackay to the summit of Mount Princess thence by a straight line to the Saddle between the Hurunui and the Teremakau Rivers thence by the southern boundary of the Province of Nelson to the mouth of the River Grey and thence on the West by the sea (including the adjacent islands) to the commencing point at the mouth of the River Mackay. Excepting such towns or cities as may at any time under the powers in this Act contained be declared to be included within and to form part of the Electoral District of the Westland Gold Fields Boroughs.

WESTLAND SOUTH.—ONE MEMBER.

THIS Electoral District comprises all that area which is bounded by the southern boundary of the Westland North Electoral District hereinbefore defined from the mouth of the River Grey to the Saddle between the Hurunui and Teremakau Rivers thence by the north-western boundary of the Cheviot Electoral District the Coleridge Electoral District and the Gladstone Electoral District as the said districts are defined in the Schedule to "The Representation Act 1865" to the summit of Mount Aspiring thence by the southern boundary of the Province of Canterbury to the mouth of the River Awarua and thence on the north-west by the sea to the commencing point at the mouth of the River Grey. Excepting the town of Hokitika and the town of Greymouth as hereinafter defined and excepting also such towns or cities as may at any time under the powers in this Act contained be declared to be included within and form part of the Electoral District of the Westland Gold Fields Boroughs.

WESTLAND BOROUGHS.—ONE MEMBER.

THE Electoral District of the Westland Boroughs comprises the Towns of Hokitika and Greymouth and such other towns or cities as shall from time to time be proclaimed by the Governor under the sixth section of this Act as included in and forming part of this district and for the purposes of this Act the Town of Hokitika shall comprise all that area containing six hundred and forty acres more or less situate on the Hokitika River commencing at a point on the high bank of the old bed of the aforesaid river the said point being forty chains forty links West of trigonometrical section thirty-one thence following a line bearing North twenty degrees fourteen minutes East (magnetic) a distance of sixty-two chains sixty-five links thence westerly at a right angle a distance of eighty-five chains forty links to the sea beach following the said beach southerly to the mouth of the Hokitika River and from thence returning along the northern bank thereof and the high bank of the old river bed above mentioned to the commencing point. And also all that parcel of land containing six hundred and forty acres more or less situate on the Hokitika River West Coast bounded on the northward by Reserve two hundred and seventy-one in red on the westward by the sea on the East by section number eight thousand two hundred and thirty-eight and a line in continuation of the western boundary thereof and on the southward by a line at right angles to the last described boundary and about one hundred and thirty chains distant on the average from the reserve above mentioned and the Town of Greymouth shall comprise all that area of land containing one thousand acres more or less situate at the mouth of the River Grey commencing at the south-eastern corner of Native Reserve number thirty-one thence following a line in a south-westerly direction at an angle of seventy-four degrees thirteen minutes with the southern boundary of the before-mentioned reserve a distance of about one hundred and twenty-two chains thence north-westerly at a right angle a distance of about one hundred and eighteen chains to the sea-beach following the beach to the mouth of the Grey thence following the southern bank of that river to the north-western corner of the Native Reserve before mentioned and from thence returning along the western and southern boundaries of that reserve to the commencing point and numbered two hundred and eighty in red on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury setting out and describing the said town of Greymouth save and except the Native Reserve number thirty-two.