

*Mr. Wright.*

ROAD BOARDS ACT 1882 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| Title.<br>1. Short Title.<br>2. Qualification of members.<br>3. Only occupiers allowed to vote. | 4. Question to be put by the Returning Officer to voters.<br>5. Penalty for making false claims to vote.<br>6. Constitution of new road districts. |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Road Boards Act, 1882" (herein called  
"the said Act").

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 Road Boards Act 1882  
Amendment Act, 1892." Short Title.
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, or in  
any Act amending the same, no person who in the district he seeks  
to represent is not an *bona fide* "occupier" within the meaning of  
section two of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the  
same, shall be qualified to become or to remain a member of any  
Road Board though his name be on the valuation-roll. Qualification of members.
3. No person not an *bona fide* occupier within the meaning of  
section two of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the  
same, shall be entitled to vote at any election for a member or mem-  
bers of a Road Board although his name is on the valuation-roll  
thereof. Only occupiers allowed to vote.
4. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Regulation of  
Local Elections Act, 1876," the Returning Officer at any Road Board  
election may, and if so required by any scrutineer shall, put the fol-  
lowing question to any person proposing to vote: "Do you *bona fide*  
possess the qualification placed opposite your name on the valuation-  
roll of this district?" Any person not answering such question in the  
affirmative shall not be permitted to vote. Question to be put by the Returning Officer to voters.
5. Any person who applies or *wilfully and knowingly* consents  
to have his name placed on the valuation-roll of any road district,  
knowing that he is not an "occupier" within the meaning of section  
two of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the same,  
shall, on conviction therefor before any two Justices of Peace, be liable  
to a penalty of not less than *two* pounds or more than *twenty* pounds. Penalty for making false claims to vote.

Constitution of  
new road districts

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in section four of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," it shall be sufficient if a petition to the Council praying for the constitution of a new road district be signed by two-thirds of the ratepayers for the area to be comprised in the proposed new road district, and otherwise be prepared and notified as in the said section four mentioned. Upon the presentation of such petition duly signed the Council ~~shall~~ *may, if it shall think fit,* forthwith proceed to constitute such new district. 6

By Authority: GEORGE DIBSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1892.