Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Bart.

REPRESENTATION COMMISSIONS' REPORTS VALIDATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to validate and supplement certain Reports of the Title. Representation Commissions.

WHEREAS by subsection four of section four of the Second Ballot Preamble 5 Act, 1908, it is enacted that every report made after the passing of that Act by the Representation Commissions under section twenty-

- two of the Legislature Act, 1908, establishing a new electoral district or altering the boundaries of an electoral district, shall determine the interval, not exceeding fourteen days, which is to take place
- 10 between the taking of a first and a second ballot in that district, and that so soon as the report comes into effect in accordance with the said section twenty-two the interval so determined shall be observed in that district in the same manner as if set forth in the said Second Ballot Act in lieu of the interval (if any) prescribed in that Act:
- 15 And whereas by subsection two of section forty-one of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, it is enacted that whenever the Representais tion Commissions divide New Zealand into electoral districts as provided by the Legislature Act, 1908, they shall in their report
- declare in the case of each of the city licensing districts of Auckland, 20 Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin what electoral districts are substituted for the electoral districts referred to in subsection one of the said section: And whereas the said Representation Commissions in their reports, dated the sixteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and eleven, failed to comply with the provisions
- 25 hereinbefore recited: And whereas in pursuance of subsection one of section twenty-two of the Legislature Act, 1908, the Governor, by
- Proclamation dated the twenty-sixth day of September, nincteen hundred and eleven, and published in the Gazette of the twentyseventh day of the said month, proclaimed the names and boundaries
- 30 of the electoral districts fixed by the Representation Commissions aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to validate the said reports, notwithstanding the failure of the said Commissions to comply in the manuer hereinbefore set forth with the provisions of the said Second Ballot Act, 1908, and the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910,
- 35 and also to provide for the matters in respect of which the said Commissions failed to provide as aforesaid:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same. as follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the Representation Commissions' short Title. 40 Reports Validation Act, 1911.

Validation of reports of Representation Commissions.

Interval to elapse between first and second ballots.

Boundaries of city licensing districts defined.

2. Notwithstanding the omission from the reports of the Representation Commissions, prepared in pursuance of section twenty-two of the Legislature Act, 1908, and dated the sixteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and eleven, of the particulars required to be inserted therein by subsection four of section four of 5 the Second Ballot Act, 1908, and by subsection two of section fortyone of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, the said reports to the extent thereof are hereby declared to have the force of law as from the date of the Proclamation hereinbefore referred to.

3. (1.) Except in the electoral districts mentioned in the 10 Schedule hereto, the second ballot to be taken in pursuance of the Second Ballot Act, 1908, shall be taken on the seventh day after the close of the poll on the first ballot.

(2.) In the electoral districts mentioned in the Schedule hereto the second ballot shall be taken on the *fourteenth* day after the close 15of the poll on the first ballot.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall so operate as to take away or affect the powers vested in the Representation Commissions by section four of the Second Ballot Act, 1908, and those powers may be exercised from time to time hereafter in the same manner as if 20 this Act had not been passed.

4. From the coming into effect of the reports referred to in section two hereof, and until those reports are superseded by subsequent reports of the Commissions aforesaid, the following provisions shall apply with respect to the city licensing districts 25 under the Licensing Act, 1908, and its amendments :-

- (a.) The Auckland Licensing District shall comprise the electoral districts of Auckland East, Auckland West, and Auckland Central;
- (b.) The Wellington Licensing District shall comprise the 30 electoral districts of Wellington East, Wellington North, and Wellington Central;
- (c.) The Christchurch Licensing District shall comprise the electoral districts of Christchurch East, Christchurch North, and Christchurch South; and
- (d.) The Dunedin Licensing District shall comprise the electoral districts of Dunedin North, Dunedin West, and Dunedin Central.

5. The electoral districts referred to in sections three and four hereof are the electoral districts as defined in the several Proclama- 40tions made by the Governor in pursuance of section twenty-two of the Legislature Act, 1908, dated the twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and eleven, and published in the Gazette of the twenty-seventh day of the said month.

Schedule?

SCHEDULE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE SECOND BALLOT IS TAKEN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE FIRST BALLOT.

> Bay of Islands. Bay of Plenty. Kaipara. Marsden.

Motueka. Taumarunui. Tauranga.

Wakatipu. Wallace. Westland.

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References to electoral districts

explained.