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SCHOOL COMMITTEES ELECTION ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The School Committees Election Act, 1891." Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The School Committees Election Act 1891 Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The School Committees Election Act, 1891" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

10 2. The first paragraph of section nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and no nominations for election shall be received after eight o'clock in the evening of the third Monday in April, as provided by section six of that Act. Nominations.

15 3. The ballot-papers shall be printed in the form in the Schedule hereto; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply the Chairman with a sufficient number of printed or written ballot-papers for the purposes of the election. Ballot-papers.

20 4. The first paragraph of section eleven of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following is hereby substituted:—

"If a ballot is required to be had, every householder present at the meeting and wishing to vote shall apply to the Chairman for a ballot-paper.

25 "The Chairman, if satisfied that the householder is duly qualified to vote, shall give him a ballot-paper accordingly, whereupon the householder, without leaving the room, shall strike out such names as he pleases, and then, folding the ballot-paper so that its contents cannot be seen, shall return the same to the Chairman, or, in the Chairman's presence, put the same into the ballot-box. Conduct of ballot.

30 "The householder shall be deemed to vote for every candidate whose name he does not strike out of the ballot-paper; and if he votes for more than the total number to be elected his ballot-paper shall be void."

SCHEDULE.

BALLOT-PAPER FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE DISTRICT OF _____, FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FOURTH MONDAY IN APRIL OF THE YEAR 189 . Schedule.

Candidates.

[Set out in alphabetical order the names of all the duly-nominated candidates.]

Directions.

The voter must strike out the name of every candidate for whom he does not wish to vote. If the voter fails to strike out all names in excess of the number of candidates to be elected, the voting-paper will be void.