This Public Bill originated in the House of Repre-SENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 21st May, 1936.

Mr. Coulter.

TAUPIRI DRAINAGE AND RIVER BOARD EMPOWERING.

[Local Bill.]

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title.

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- 2. Board empowered to classify lands under the Land Drainage Act,
- 3. Grounds of appeal against classification restricted.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to empower the Taupiri Drainage and River Title. Board to reclassify all Lands in the Taupiri Drainage and River District and certain Lands adjacent thereto, and restricting the Grounds of Appeal against such Classification.

WHEREAS the Taupiri Drainage and River Board Preamble. (hereinafter called the Taupiri Board) was constituted under the provisions of the Taupiri Drainage and River

10 District Act. 1929 (hereinafter called the said Act): And whereas under the provisions of the said Act the Mangawara River District, the Hillside Drainage District, the Uapoto Drainage District, the Freshfield Drainage District, and the Woodlands Drainage District

15 have been abolished and the respective Boards of those districts have been dissolved: And whereas under the provisions of the said Act and the Land Drainage Act, 1908, the Tauhei Drainage District has been abolished

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and the Board thereof has been dissolved, and the area formerly comprising that district is now wholly within the limits of the Taupiri Drainage and River District: And whereas under the provisions of the said Act certain lands within the limits of the Taupiri Drainage and River District were excluded from the Eureka Drainage District and from the former Mangawara Drainage District: And whereas all rates and other moneys payable to the Boards dissolved as aforesaid (other than the Mangawara Drainage Board) and some 10 of the rates and other moneys pavable to the Mangawara Drainage Board and the Eureka Drainage Board have become payable to the Taupiri Board: And whereas all the liabilities and engagements of the Boards dissolved as aforesaid (other than the Mangawara 15 Drainage Board) and some of the liabilities and engagements of the Mangawara Drainage Board and the Eureka Drainage Board have become liabilities and engagements of the Taupiri Board: And whereas certain areas formerly in the Hillside Drainage District 20 and the Woodlands Drainage District are liable for the payment of special rates payable to the Taupiri Board, but are not included in the Taupiri Drainage and River District: And whereas the Taupiri Board recently converted some of the special loans payable by the 25 Taupiri Board under the provisions of the Local Authorities Interest Reduction and Loans Conversion Act, 1932–33: And whereas under the existing law, by reason of the said conversion, difficulties have arisen in the levying of special rates to pay the interest and sinking 30 funds in respect of the loans converted as aforesaid, and the incidence of rating on the various lands in the Taupiri Drainage and River District and on the various lands included in the areas formerly in the Hillside Drainage District and the Woodlands Drainage District, 35 but not included in the Taupiri Drainage and River District, will be materially altered: And whereas it is desirable that such difficulties should be removed and that the incidence of rating above mentioned should not be materially altered: And whereas it is possible to 40 overcome such difficulties and any material alteration to the incidence of rating above mentioned can be avoided

by a reclassification of all lands liable to be rated for special rates in respect of the loans converted as aforesaid:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of 5 New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Taupiri Drainage Short Title.

and River Board Empowering Act, 1936.

2. The Taupiri Board is hereby empowered and Board 10 authorized to reclassify under the provisions of the classify lands Land Drainage Act, 1908, all lands liable to be rated for under the special rates in respect of loans converted by the Taupiri Board under the provisions of the Local Authorities Interest Reduction and Loans Conversion Act, 1932-33, 15 and to use the classification so made for the purpose of levying any special rate for the time being made and levied in respect of such loans.

3. Notwithstanding anything in section thirty-four of Grounds of the Land Drainage Act, 1908, the only grounds upon classification 20 which any person may appeal against any classification restricted. made under the authority of this Act shall be-

(a) That the classification will materially increase the amount of special rates payable in respect of the land of the appellant above the rates payable in respect of such land for the year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-six:

(b) That any land is improperly included within or excluded from the district or subdivision to which the classification relates.

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