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TOWN DISTRICTS (No. 2).

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to exclude Town Districts constituted under "The Town Districts Act, 1881," which are within a County from such County.

Title

5 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 Town Districts Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1904."

Short Title.

10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, "prescribed" means prescribed by the Governor by regulation.

Interpretation.

3. From and after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, all town districts within a county shall cease to be within such county. No town district hereafter to be created

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15 shall form part of a county.

4. Upon any town district ceasing under this Act to form part of the county or counties to which it formerly belonged, the entity of the corporation or corporations of such county or counties shall not thereby be destroyed.

Entity of county to continue.

20 5. Upon a town district ceasing to be part of a county the several local authorities affected may, by agreements executed under the common seals of their respective corporations, make such an adjustment of property, liabilities, contracts, and engagements between the town district and the county out of which its area has been taken as such local authorities shall think fit, and every such agreement shall be enforced accordingly; but in default of any such agreement being come to in the prescribed time and manner it shall be lawful for the Governor to make the adjustment.

Adjustment of existing agreements.

30 6. When under this Act a town district ceases to be part of a county, then all the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," relating to the making, levying, and collecting of special rates within such town district shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to such town district as if the same was a borough.

Power to levy special rates.

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7. Nothing in this Act shall affect any existing separate rate or special rate, and every such rate shall continue to be charged upon the whole of the area upon which it was charged before this Act came into force, and shall not by reason thereof become a charge upon any additional area which may afterwards be included in such town district; and the area within which any unexpended loan-moneys may be expended shall not be affected by this Act. 5