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TRIENNIAL LICENSING COMMITTEES.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide that Licensing Committees shall hold Office Title. for the Term of Three Years.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Triennial Licensing Short Title. Committees Act, 1889."

2. The words "the said Act" wherever in this Act occurring Interpretation.

mean "The Licensing Act, 1881." 10 3. The following provisions relating to the election of Licensing Elections to be Committees and to the taking of the poll of ratepayers shall come into triennial and simultaneous with localoperation on the passing of this Act:—

option poll.

(1.) The Returning Officer henceforth shall appoint the day for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, as mentioned in section forty-six of the said Act, as well as appoint the day for the election of the Licensing Committee.

(2.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety shall hold office for one year, or until the election of his successor.

(3.) Every member of a Licensing Committee elected in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, shall hold office for three years, or until the election of his successor.

(4.) In and after the year one thousand eight hundred and ninetyone the elections of Licensing Committees shall be held on the days appointed under the said Act for the taking of the poll of ratepayers, and simultaneously therewith once in every third year only.

4. And in accordance with the foregoing the said Act is hereby Consequential amended as follows, that is to say,—

(1.) The word "annually" in subsection one of section thirteen, Act, 1881. and the words "and thereafter in the same month in every year" in subsection four, and the whole of subsections No. 17—1.

amendments of "The Licensing eight and eighteen of the said section thirteen, are hereby repealed, and the said section shall be read and construed as though the said repealed words and subsections respectively were omitted therefrom.

(2.) Section forty-six of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the words "the Chairman of the Licensing Committee," and the insertion in lieu thereof of the words "the Returning Officer."

(3.) Sections forty-eight and forty-nine of the said Act are hereby amended by the substitution, wherever the word "Chairman" occurs, of the words "the Returning Officer."

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1889.