

TOTALISATOR-ABOLITION REFERENDUM.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish the Use of the Totalisator and providing for a Title. Submission of such Bill to a Referendum Poll.

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 Totalisator-abolition Referendum Act, 1904." Short Title.

2. In this Act,— Interpretation.
10 "Totalisator" means the instrument known as the totalisator, and includes every machine or instrument of a like kind or conducted upon the like principle.

3. Sections forty-six and forty-seven of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," sections three to six of "The Stamp Acts Repeal.
15 Amendment Act, 1891," and section six of "The Gaming Act, 1894," are hereby repealed.

This Act shall be read together with "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," and "The Gaming Act, 1894." To be read together with other Acts.

4. Within seven days after the close of the session a copy of Copy of Bill to be transmitted to Governor.
20 this Bill, certified as correct by the Speaker of each House that passed the same, shall be transmitted to the Governor by the Clerk of Parliaments.

5. Forthwith upon receipt of such copy the Governor shall Governor to fix date for poll.
25 cause the same to be published in the Gazette, and in the same Gazette he shall appoint a day for the taking of a poll of electors thereon.

6. The day so appointed shall be not sooner than twenty-eight When poll to be taken.
nor later than ninety days after the close of this session.

Bill to be posted for public inspection.

7. A copy of this Bill shall be posted for public inspection in every post-office in the colony in a conspicuous place for *fourteen* days before the taking of the poll.

Poll to be taken as in case of general election.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, such poll shall be taken in each electoral district in the colony by the same Returning Officer, at the same polling-places, and in the same manner as in the case of a general election, and the provisions of "The Electoral Act, 1902," in so far as they are applicable, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply accordingly. 5

Form of voting-papers.

9. For the purpose of such poll the voting-papers shall be in the Form A in the Schedule hereto or to that effect. 10

Result of poll to be certified.

10. The result of the poll in each electoral district shall be duly certified by the Returning Officer in the Form B in the Schedule hereto or to that effect, and he shall forward the same to the Clerk of Writs. 15

Results to be tabulated, declared, and gazetted.

11. (1.) Forthwith upon receipt of the results of the poll in every electoral district the Clerk of Writs shall prepare and gazette a tabulated statement thereof showing for each electoral district, and for the whole colony, the total number of votes recorded for and against the Bill, and the total number of informal votes; and shall declare the Bill to be approved or disapproved by the referendum accordingly as the majority of all the valid votes recorded throughout the colony is recorded for or against the Bill. 20

(2.) Such statement and declaration shall be in the Form C in the Schedule hereto or to that effect. 25

Effect of referendum as to Bill.

12. With respect to the referendum, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) Until the gazetting of the result of the poll, the Bill shall remain in the custody of the Clerk of Parliaments, and shall not be transmitted to the Governor. 30

(b.) If the Bill is approved by the referendum, then forthwith on the gazetting of the result of the poll the Bill shall be deemed to be for all purposes a Bill duly passed by the General Assembly in Parliament assembled in pursuance of the Constitution Act, and shall be treated and dealt with accordingly. 35

(c.) If the Bill is disapproved by the referendum, it shall be deemed to be a Bill rejected by Parliament, and shall be treated and dealt with accordingly.

Limit of time for second referendum.

13. With respect to the referendum the following provisions shall apply:— 40

(a.) It shall not be again submitted for a period of three years after the gazetting of the result of the poll taken on the first submission unless at least twenty thousand electors on the electoral rolls at the date of the taking of the poll so request by petition to Parliament. 45

14. The Governor may by Order in Council gazetted make such regulations as he deems necessary for the proper taking of the poll under this Act, and generally for giving effect to this Act.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

FORM A.

VOTING-PAPER.

“An Act to abolish the Use of the Totalisator and providing for a Submission of such Bill to a Referendum Poll.”

1. I vote *for* the above Bill.
2. I vote *against* the above Bill.

N.B.—The voter must strike out the line marked “2” if he wishes to vote *for* the Bill, and line “1” if he wishes to vote *against* it. If he strikes out both lines, or neglects to strike out one of them, the voting-paper will be informal and void.

FORM B.

RETURNING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE OF RESULT OF POLL.

Referendum under “The Totalisator-abolition Referendum Act, 1903.”

I CERTIFY that the following is a correct statement of the result of the poll taken in the Electoral District of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 19____, on the following matter, that is to say,—

“An Act to abolish the Use of the Totalisator and providing for a Submission of such Bill to a Referendum Poll.”

Total of valid votes for the Bill	...	...	43,700
Total of valid votes against the Bill	...	...	33,250
			76,950
Total of valid votes recorded	...	...	76,950
Total of informal votes	...	...	424

Dated at _____, the _____ day of _____, 19____.

To the Clerk of Writs.

A. B.,
Returning Officer.

FORM C.

STATEMENT AND DECLARATION BY CLERK OF WRITS AS TO RESULT OF POLL.

Referendum under “The Totalisator-abolition Referendum Act, 1903.”

THE following is a tabulated statement of the results of the polling taken in every electoral district throughout the colony on the _____ day of _____, 19____, upon the following matter—that is to say, “An Act to abolish the Use of the Totalisator and providing for a Submission of such Bill to a Referendum Poll.”

Electoral District.	Votes.		
	For.	Against.	Informal.
A	43,700	33,250	424
B	34,500	44,800	552
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.
Total			

As the majority of the total number of valid votes recorded is recorded for the Bill, I hereby declare the Bill to be approved [or disapproved] by the referendum.

Dated at Wellington, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

C. D.,
Clerk of Writs.