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**THAMES VALLEY DRAINAGE BOARD  
EMPOWERING**

[LOCAL]

ANALYSIS

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**A BILL INTITULED**

**An Act to authorise the Thames Valley Drainage Board to  
rate on an acreage basis**

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

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Thames  
Valley Drainage Board Empowering Act 1964.

**2. Rating may be on an acreage basis**—(1) In addition to  
10 any other powers conferred on it by the Land Drainage Act  
1908 for making and levying rates, and notwithstanding any-  
thing to the contrary contained in section 4 of the Rating Act  
1925, the Thames Valley Drainage Board (hereinafter called  
15 “the Board”) may make and levy any rate for drainage pur-  
poses on a graduated scale on the basis of an amount for each  
acre or part thereof of each class of land liable to be rated  
according to the classification to be made (*under this Act*)  
under the Land Drainage Act 1908 of the rateable property  
20 upon which the rate is to be levied. In this Act, this system  
of rating is referred to as acreage rating or as the acreage  
system; and any rate so made and levied is referred to as an  
acreage rate.

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(2) The power of levying acreage rates shall be exercised only by special order of the Board.

(3) For the purposes of acreage rating, section 51 of the Rating Act 1925 shall be read as if paragraphs (d) and (f) were repealed, and the following paragraphs were substituted therefor: 5

“(d) In the case of every acreage rate, that it be of a stated amount for each acre or part thereof of land in each class of land classified as rateable which is comprised in the property as appearing 10 in the valuation roll:

“(f) Where the total amount of rates due by any one rate-payer would on the basis prescribed by this section be less than five shillings, he shall be rated at five shillings.” 15

(4) In the case of every acreage rate the particulars to be transcribed in the rate book shall include the total areas of the properties, and the areas of the several classes of land in each property as appearing in the valuation roll, and the amount per acre or part thereof payable as a rate with 20 respect to each part or the whole of the property, as the case may be; and it shall not be necessary for the rate book to contain particulars of rateable values.

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“(4A) The Valuer-General shall upon request supply to the Board a valuation roll of the rateable property within the district of the Board; and— 25

(a) Section 28 of the Valuation of Land Act 1951 shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the valuation roll and to the supplying thereof: 30

(b) Section 29 of the Valuation of Land Act 1951, with the exception of paragraph (b) thereof, shall apply to any roll supplied to the Board under the foregoing provisions of this subsection:

(c) For the purposes of the making and levying of any acreage rate, the areas appearing on the valuation roll as corrected from the district valuation roll up to the thirty-first day of March last preceding the date of the levy, shall be sufficient evidence of those areas in the absence of proof to the contrary: 40

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5 (d) Where land is classified and is or is proposed to be rated under the acreage system, the Valuer-General shall from time to time, in every case where portions of the land are classified in different classes, specify in the valuation roll supplied to the Board the acreage of the part in each class.

10 (5) Section 52 of the Rating Act 1925 and form number 7 in the First Schedule to that Act shall apply to any acreage rate with such modifications as are required in consequence of this section.

15 (6) In connection with appeals against any rate book prepared with respect to any acreage rate, section 56 of the Rating Act 1925 shall be read as if paragraph (a) was repealed, and the following paragraph was substituted therefor:

20 “(a) That any person is rated in the rate book on property not appearing in the valuation roll, or that the area of any property or of any class of land in any property is different from the area thereof set out in the valuation roll.”

**3. Voting power of ratepayers—**(1) In the event of the Board making and levying its rates on an acreage basis, then, notwithstanding anything contained in section 9 of the Land Drainage Act 1908, section 7 of the Land Drainage Amendment Act 1922 (as substituted by section 3 of the Land Drainage Amendment Act 1958), or any other enactment, the number of votes that may be exercised by any ratepayer at any election or poll shall be determined as follows:

30 (a) If the area of his rateable property determined in accordance with this section does not exceed fifty acres, he shall have one vote:

35 (b) If the area of his rateable property determined as aforesaid exceeds fifty acres but does not exceed one hundred acres, he shall have two votes:

(c) If the area of his property determined as aforesaid exceeds one hundred acres, he shall have three votes:

(2) For the purposes of this section the area of any land shall be ascertained as follows:

40 (a) The area of any land in any separate area classified as Class A land in accordance with section 33 of the Land Drainage Act 1908 shall be deemed to be the area of the land as appearing on the valuation roll of the district:

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- (b) The area of any land classified as aforesaid as Class B land shall be deemed to be five-sixths of the area as aforesaid:
- (c) The area of any land classified as aforesaid as Class C land shall be deemed to be four-sixths of the area as aforesaid: 5
- (d) The area of any land classified as aforesaid as Class D land shall be deemed to be three-sixths of the area as aforesaid:
- (e) The area of any land classified as aforesaid as Class E land shall be deemed to be two-sixths of the area as aforesaid: 10
- (f) The area of any land classified as aforesaid as Class F land shall be deemed to be one-sixth of the area as aforesaid: 15
- (3) Land classified as aforesaid as Class G land shall be deemed not to be rateable property for the purposes of this section.
- (4) Where any person is entitled to vote by virtue of being the owner of any lands of more than one class the number of votes that he may exercise shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section: 20
- Provided that no such person shall have more than three votes at any such election or poll.

**4. Proceedings for recovery of rates**—All rates levied on an area of rateable property of a ratepayer, being less than the whole property of that ratepayer, shall for the purpose of recovery be deemed to be charged on the ratepayer's whole property. 25

**5. Annual allowance to Chairman**—(1) Notwithstanding the contrary provision in section 11A of the Land Drainage Act 1908, the Chairman of the Board may be paid such annual allowance not exceeding *(two hundred pounds)* one hundred pounds out of the funds of the Board, as the Board from time to time fixes, but no alteration in the amount of that allowance shall take effect during the term of office of any Chairman. 30 35

(2) For the purpose of this section a person reappointed as Chairman shall be deemed to be a new Chairman.