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WOODLANDS DRAINAGE BOARD (RATING)
VALIDATION.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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AN ACT to validate certain Rates made and levied by
the Woodlands Drainage Board and the Recovery
of such Rates. Title.

5 WHEREAS since its inception the Woodlands Drainage Board has made and levied all general and special rates in respect of certain lands in the Board's district on a uniform basis, and has not caused any classification list of such lands to be prepared: And whereas the Board
10 has annually made and delivered demands in writing for payment of such rates and a large percentage of such rates has been paid by divers ratepayers: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of some of the rates so made and levied: ~~and~~ Preamble.

15 **New.**

And whereas the Board in the
year nineteen hundred and thirteen raised a special loan of fifteen hundred pounds, called "The Woodlands Drainage Special Rating Area Loan of £1,500, 1913,"
20 upon the security of a special rate of one penny in the pound on the rateable value of all rateable property in

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the Woodlands special-rating area, and pledged such rate as security for the special loan : And whereas no effective resolution making or striking the said special rate was ever passed by the Board, but the Board has annually levied the said special rate and the said special rate has been paid by divers ratepayers : And whereas it is advisable in the public interest and to prevent injustice to validate all rates heretofore made and levied by the Board, and to empower the Board to recover such of the said rates as remain unpaid, and all such rates hereafter to become due, and all additional charges or penalties which would have attached to such rates if the same had been made and levied regularly and validly :

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Woodlands Drainage Board (Rating) Validation Act, 1934.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act "Board" means the Woodlands Drainage Board.

Matters validated.

3. (1) The valuation rolls used for compiling the rate-books of the Board wherein any rates were recorded in and for every year since the inception of the Board shall be deemed to be and to have been correct valuation rolls ; the said rate-books shall be deemed to have been compiled in accordance with law and to be and to have been valid and effectual accordingly ; the rates made and levied, or which the Board purported to make and levy, in and for every year since its inception as appearing in the said rate-books shall be valid and be deemed to have been valid ; the additional charges or penalties imposed and made, or which the Board purported to impose and make, in and for every year since its inception in respect of rates unpaid for the period specified by law shall be valid and be deemed to have been valid ; the demands heretofore made by the Board for the payment of any rates and or additional charges or penalties shall be and be deemed to have been valid, and all judgments heretofore given in favour of the Board for rates and or additional charges or penalties and costs shall be and be deemed to have been valid always.

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5 (2) The Board may hereafter levy and collect the
said special rate of one penny in the pound pledged as
security for the Woodlands Drainage Special Rating
Area Loan of £1,500, 1913, in all respects as fully and
effectually as though the said rate had been duly and
regularly made by a resolution of the Board, and may
continue to levy on a uniform scale during the currency
thereof any special rate heretofore made and levied on
10 such scale to secure any special loan raised by the Board.

4. All rates heretofore made and levied by the Board
and ~~or~~ all additional charges or penalties attachable to
such rates may be sued for and shall be recoverable by
the Board by action within the limit of time prescribed
15 by the Rating Act, 1925, notwithstanding that the valua-
tion rolls ~~and~~ or rate-books may have been irregularly
compiled, and that no classification list may have been
compiled, and also notwithstanding the omission of any
condition whatsoever precedent to the making or levying
20 of such rates or any irregularity, mistake, or omission in
the form or manner of making or levying the same or
otherwise and valid demands upon all persons liable for
the said rates shall be conclusively presumed to have
been duly made and delivered in accordance with law if
25 any demands have heretofore been made or are hereafter
made upon such persons; and all judgments for such
rates and ~~or~~ additional charges or penalties shall be
valid judgments in all respects.

Action
authorized.

5. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed
30 to take away the power of the Board under subsection
two of section fifty-seven of the Rating Act, 1925, to
correct errors (if any) existing in any rate-book on the
passing of this Act which the Board could or ought to
have corrected.

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35 6. Notwithstanding anything contained in the fore-
going provisions of this Act or in the Rating Act, 1925,
no additional charge heretofore or hereafter added by the
Board to unpaid rates heretofore demanded by the Board
40 shall become payable unless the rates are unpaid at the
expiration of six months and fourteen days after the
passing of this Act.

Postponing time
for payment of
additional charge
on unpaid rates.