AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.

2nd August, 1905.

Mr. Willis.

WANGANUI SUBURBS LIGHTING ACT 1903 AMENDMENT.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

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2. Interpretation.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Wanganui Suburbs Lighting Act, 1903" Title. (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Wanganui Suburbs Short Title. Lighting Act 1903 Amendment Act, 1905."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"The Chairman" means the Chairman for the time being of Interpretation. the Mataongaonga Road Board:

"The Board" means the Mataongaonga Road Board.

3. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by section 3 of the inserting the word "Mataongaonga" between the words "the" and principal Act 15 "Purua" in the second line of the said section.

4. This Act shall not come into operation until after the con- When Act to come sent thereto of the ratepayers for the time being of that portion of into operation. the Mataongaonga Road District to be affected hereby or by the principal Act shall have been obtained by the Board, and for that

20 purpose the steps hereinafter directed shall be taken.

5. Upon any requisition in writing signed by not less than ten Poll of ratepayers of such ratepayers the Chairman shall, subject to the provisions of to be taken. subsection three of section eight of this Act, cause a poll to be taken of such ratepayers.

6. The poll shall be taken as follows:—

(a.) The Chairman shall publish a notice in any newspaper How poll to be taken. circulating within the Mataongaonga Road District, setting forth the day, not less than one fourteen days nor more than three-weeks twenty-eight days from the date of the publication of such notice, on which the poll shall be taken.

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- (b.) On that day a poll shall be taken in like manner as the same would be taken for the election of a member of the Board, except that only the ratepayers within the aforesaid portion of the Mataongaonga Road District shall be entitled to vote.
- (c.) The voting-paper shall be printed, and shall be in the form in the Schedule hereto.

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7. If a majority of the total number of valid votes recorded at the poll be recorded in favour of the proposal, then, and not otherwise, the proposal shall be deemed to be carried.

8. (1.) As soon as conveniently may be after the poll the Chairman shall cause to be published in the *Gazette* a notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal, and in such notice shall declare the proposal to be carried or rejected, as the case may be.

(2.) If the proposal is carried, the notice thereof published in the Gazette shall be conclusive evidence that all proceedings and things under this Act in relation thereto have been lawfully taken and done, and this Act shall come into operation on the day of the date of the Gazette containing such notice.

(3.) If the proposal is rejected at the taking of the first poll, a second poll shall not be taken until after the expiration of one year from the date of the taking of the first poll; if the proposal is rejected at the taking of a second poll, a third poll shall not be taken until after the expiration of five three years from the date of the taking 25 of the second poll; and if the proposal is rejected a third time, no further poll shall be taken unless on a requisition signed by not less than twenty per centum of the ratepayers on the roll and until the expiration of three years from the day of the last preceding poll.

Schedule.

When proposal deemed to be

Result of poll to

be gazetted.

carried.

SCHEDULE.

VOTING-PAPER.—THE MATAONGAONGA ROAD BOARD.

PROPOSAL that "The Wanganui Suburbs Lighting Act 1903 Amendment Act, 1905," do come into operation, upon which a poll will be taken upon the day of , 19 .

1. I vote for the above proposal.

2. I vote against the above proposal.

N.B.—The voter must erase the line marked 2 if he wishes to vote for the proposal, or line 1 if he wishes to vote against it. The voter shall erase one or other of the said lines, and his vote shall be deemed to be given according to the one of the said lines which he leaves unerased.

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