

Supplementary Order Paper.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of August, 1914.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL.

Hon. Mr. BELL, in Committee, to move the following amendments :—

Clause 25 : To add thereto the following subclause :—

(4.) Where a candidate duly withdraws, the sum deposited by him or on his behalf as prescribed in the *last preceding* section shall be returned to the person who paid it.

To add the following new clause :—

Candidates to make deposit of ten pounds.

24A. (1.) Every candidate, or some person on his behalf, shall, at the time of sending to the Returning Officer his consent to be nominated, deposit with the Returning Officer the sum of ten pounds, which sum shall be retained by the Returning Officer until after the official declaration of the poll.

Forfeiture of deposit in certain cases.

(2.) If upon the official count it appears that the number of ballot-papers upon which a figure indicating the order of preference has been placed in the square opposite the name of an unsuccessful candidate is less than one-fourth of the number constituting the quota as defined in the *Third* Schedule to this Act, the deposit shall be forfeited and paid into the Consolidated Fund, but otherwise it shall be returned to the person who paid it.

(3.) For the purpose of the *last preceding* subsection no figure higher than the number of members to be elected at the poll shall be counted. For example, if the poll is for the election of nine members no figure higher than nine shall for this purpose be counted.

Returning Officer to make declaration as to forfeited deposits.

(4.) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to ascertain in respect of each unsuccessful candidate whether the sum deposited by such candidate is forfeited under the provisions of this section. The Returning Officer shall, at or within seven days after the declaration of the result of the poll, publicly declare in the form numbered (6) in the *Second* Schedule hereto which (if any) of the sums deposited by unsuccessful candidates are found to be forfeited under the provisions of this section. Every such declaration by the Returning Officer shall be conclusive proof that the sum deposited by the unsuccessful candidates named in such declaration have been duly forfeited in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Second Schedule : To add the following new form :—

(6.) FORFEITURE OF DEPOSIT.

I, A. B., Returning Officer for the Electoral Division, do hereby declare that at the poll taken on the day of , 19 , for the election of members of the Legislative Council for the said electoral division the deposits of the following candidates have been forfeited pursuant to the provisions of the Legislative Council Act, 1914.

[Set out names and other particulars, as appearing on ballot-paper, of candidates whose deposits are forfeited.]

Dated at this day of , 19 .

A. B.,
Returning Officer.