

# Supplementary Order Paper.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 15th Day of September, 1938.

### STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. FAGAN, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

#### *Electoral.*

8A. (1) Nothing in section ninety-one of the Electoral Act, 1927, shall be construed to prevent any seaman who is qualified to vote at any election (whether or not he is the holder of an elector's right issued under section eighty-nine of that Act) from voting in the same manner as any other voter.

Seamen not debarred from voting under general provisions of Electoral Act, 1927.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 508

(2) Where any seaman, being the holder of an elector's right issued under section eighty-nine of the said Act, votes otherwise than in the manner prescribed by section ninety-one or section one hundred and forty of that Act, he shall produce his elector's right to the Deputy Returning Officer, who shall retain the same and record thereon the fact that the right to vote has been exercised.

(3) Section ninety-five, subsection two of section one hundred and thirty-nine, and subsection three of section one hundred and forty of the Electoral Act, 1927, are hereby consequentially repealed.

Consequential repeals.

8B. (1) Where any ship is about to leave New Zealand at any time after the latest day fixed for the nomination of candidates for a general election of members of Parliament and before the hour of the closing of the poll on polling-day, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, in accordance with this section, make all such arrangements as may be necessary for taking on board that ship the votes of all persons who, being officers or members of the crew, or passengers about to leave New Zealand on that ship, are entitled to vote at the election.

Chief Electoral Officer to make arrangements for taking votes of electors on ships about to leave New Zealand after nomination of candidates for general election.

(2) For the purposes of this section every such ship shall be deemed to be a polling-place within the meaning of the Electoral Act, 1927, and the votes taken under this section shall be taken, as nearly as may be, in the manner prescribed in respect of absent voters by section one hundred and thirty-nine of that Act and the regulations made for the purposes of that section.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 469

(3) The votes taken on board any ship in accordance with this section may be so taken at such time or times as may be convenient after the latest day fixed for the nomination of candidates.

(4) The validity of any election or poll shall not be questioned on the ground that anything done for the purposes of this section has been irregularly done or that anything required to be done for the purposes of this section has not been done.

8c. (1) Section forty-six of the Electoral Act, 1927, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

“(3) Any other person who has resided in New Zealand for not less than one year immediately prior to his application for registration as an elector, but who has not resided in any electoral district for the three months immediately preceding the date of his application shall, if otherwise qualified to be registered as an elector, be entitled to be registered as an elector of the district in which he is residing on the date of his application.”

(2) Subsection one of section forty-six of the Electoral Act, 1927, is hereby repealed.

Provision for registration as electors of persons having no settled residence.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 489

Consequential repeal.