

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(In substitution of Supplementary Order Paper No. 100.)

Monday, the 10th Day of October, 1904.

ELECTORAL BILL.

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

New Clause.

131A. Any elector who, on account of illness or infirmity, is unable to attend a polling-place, may have his vote recorded in the manner and upon the conditions following:—

- (a.) He may, at any time between the polling-day and five clear days prior thereto, apply to the Returning Officer of the electoral district for which the vote is to be exercised for a ballot-paper.
- (b.) Such application shall be in writing in the form numbered (14A) in the *First* Schedule hereto, and signed by such applicant in the presence of an elector of the district, who shall attest the signature of such applicant; and such application shall be accompanied by a certificate of a duly qualified medical practitioner in the form numbered (14B) in the *First* Schedule hereto.
- (c.) The Returning Officer shall thereupon, if satisfied that such applicant is entitled to vote and to the benefit of this section, fill up a blank ballot-paper with the names of the candidates, and shall deal with the ballot-paper in the manner provided by section one hundred and twenty-six hereof; and after writing opposite the name of such elector on the roll the words "ballot-paper issued" shall send the same by post to such applicant.
- (d.) At any time after nine o'clock on the polling-day such elector shall, after making a declaration before a Justice in the form numbered (14c) in the *First* Schedule hereto, mark his ballot-paper in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and twenty-seven hereof, and having folded the paper so that the contents cannot be seen shall hand it to the Justice.
- (e.) The Justice shall make a declaration in the form numbered (14D) in the *First* Schedule hereto, at the foot of the declaration of the elector, and having in the presence of the elector enclosed the ballot-paper in an envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, and having closed such envelope, shall enclose the same, together with the declarations aforesaid, in a second envelope similarly addressed, and shall deliver it to the Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer in such district, or post it to the Returning Officer, but so that it shall reach such Deputy Returning Officer or Returning Officer not

later than the hour at which the poll closes. Every such letter shall go free by post.

- (f.) Every Deputy Returning Officer shall deliver unopened to the Returning Officer all such letters received by him at the time of the delivery of the parcels mentioned in section one hundred and thirty-two hereof.
- (g.) The Returning Officer on receiving a ballot-paper delivered or transmitted to him as mentioned in this section, if he is satisfied on a comparison of the signatures on the application and declaration that the ballot-paper has been marked by the person entitled to mark the same, shall mark the number and name of the said person on the roll as indicating that such person has voted, and shall have the vote duly recorded, and shall put the ballot-paper among the ballot-papers recorded at the principal polling-place; but if he is not so satisfied he shall reject the ballot-paper as informal.

Additions to First Schedule.

(14A.) APPLICATION FOR BALLOT-PAPER BY AN ILL OR INFIRM ELECTOR.

To the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of _____

I, _____, hereby apply to have a ballot-paper issued to me for the purpose of voting at the election now being held for the Electoral District of _____. I declare that I am the person named in the accompanying medical certificate of _____, and that I am the person whose name appears as _____, No. _____, on the electoral roll now in force for the Electoral District of _____; that I am not to my knowledge and have not been within the last three months on my own application registered on the electoral roll of any other electoral district in the colony, and that I am entitled to vote at such election.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

[Signature of Applicant.]

Witness—

[An elector of the district.]

(14B.) MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTOR WHO IS ILL OR INFIRM.

I, _____, of _____, a duly qualified medical practitioner, hereby certify that I examined _____, of _____, on the* _____ day of _____, 19 _____, and that he is† _____, and, according to the best of my judgment, he will be unable to attend a polling-place on the _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

_____, Medical Practitioner.

* The date must be not more than five days before polling-day. † Here insert physical condition of elector.

(14C.) DECLARATION BY ILL OR INFIRM ELECTOR ON VOTING.

I, _____, of _____, solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the person whose name appears as _____, No. _____, on the electoral roll for the Electoral District of _____, and that I have not already voted at this election; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____, before me—

A Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

(14D.) DECLARATION BY A JUSTICE.

I, _____, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand, hereby declare that I was present at _____, at the hour of _____ o'clock in the _____ noon, and that the ballot-paper in the envelope enclosed herewith was then and there marked by _____, of _____, in my presence, and that before marking such ballot-paper the said _____ made the declaration above written before me.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

_____, J.P.