

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 3 August 1993

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL

Proposed Amendments

PETE HODGSON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

PART IV

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Persons Qualified to Vote

Clause 74: To omit paragraph (b) (all the words in lines 28 to 35 on page 67), and substitute the following paragraph:

(b) Any person—

(i) Who is qualified to be registered as an elector of the district; and

(ii) Who is registered as an elector of the district as a result of having applied for registration as an elector of the district after writ day and before 4 p.m. on the day before polling day:

To omit paragraph (d) (all the words in lines 1 to 10 on page 68), and substitute the following paragraph:

(d) Any person—

(i) Who is qualified to be registered as an elector of the district; and

(ii) Who is registered as an elector of the district as a result of having applied, since the last preceding election and not later than 4 p.m. on the day before polling day, for registration as an elector of the district or, where a change of boundaries has intervened, of some other district in which that person's then place of residence within the first-mentioned district was then situated:

PART VI

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

Registration

Clause 95: To omit the words "he or she" (line 42 on page 89) in subclause (1), and substitute the words "the Registrar".

To omit subclauses (1A) to (3) (all the words in lines 2 to 26 on page 90), and substitute the following subclauses:

(2) Where it appears to the Registrar that an applicant who is a Maori is prevented, by the manner in which the applicant has exercised the option given by section 88A of this Act, from being registered as an elector of the district to which his or her application relates, the Registrar shall forthwith send the application to the Registrar of the district in respect of which

the applicant is entitled to be registered and shall notify the applicant of the Registrar's reasons for refusing the application and of the Registrar to whom the application has been sent.

(3) The Registrar to whom the application is sent under subsection (2) of this section may register the applicant as an elector of the Registrar's district (irrespective of the indication on the application of the manner in which the applicant last exercised the option conferred by section 88A of this Act).

Clause 96: To omit the words "subsections (2) to (4)" (line 31 on page 90) in subclause (1), and substitute the words "subsections (2) and (3)".

To omit the words "the period beginning on the day after writ day and ending with the day of the return of the writ, register any application for registration as an elector that the Registrar receives after writ day" (which appears in lines 32 to 35 on page 90), and substitute the following words:

the period beginning at 4 p.m. on the day before polling day and ending with the day of the return of the writ, register any application for registration as an elector that the Registrar receives after 4 p.m. on the day before polling day.

To omit subclauses (2) to (4) (all the words in lines 36 on page 90 to line 23 on page 91), and substitute the following subclauses:

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, an application for registration shall be deemed to have been received before 4 p.m. on the day before polling day if—

- (a) The application or the envelope in which it is contained bears a postmark or date stamp impressed at any New Zealand Post outlet or agency before polling day; or
- (b) The applicant for registration produces a receipt which relates to the application and which was issued by any New Zealand Post outlet or agency before polling day.

(3) Where any person applies for registration after a writ has been issued for an election in a district and before 4 p.m. on the day before polling day,—

- (a) The Registrar shall, if the Registrar is satisfied that that person is qualified to be registered, forthwith enter the name of that person on the electoral roll; and
- (b) The Registrar shall not be required to enter the name of that person on the main roll or any supplementary roll or composite roll used at that election; and
- (c) That person may, at that election, vote only by way of a special vote.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Supplementary Order Paper sets out amendments to Part IV of the Electoral Reform Bill required for the roll closure date to be restored to the day before polling day.