

# Supplementary Order Paper.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 3rd Day of December, 1918.

### LICENSING AMENDMENT BILL.

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

Clause 7: To omit paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f), and substitute the following:—

7A. (1.) The following issues shall be submitted to the electors:—

- (a.) National prohibition without compensation. (That is, close all hotels at the end of the term for which licenses were granted—June next.)
- (b.) National prohibition with compensation. (That is, close all hotels and pay compensation for goodwill as suggested by the National Efficiency Board.)
- (c.) National ownership. (That is, take away all private licenses to sell liquor, the State buying all hotels and breweries to carry on the business of manufacture and sale as suggested in the liquor party's petition.)
- (d.) National continuance. (That is, leave everything just as at present.)

(2.) The Chief Electoral Officer shall ascertain the decision of the electors by submitting all the proposals on one ballot-paper, when the following provisions shall apply:—

- (3.) A voter giving his vote—
  - (a.) Must place on his ballot-paper the figure "1" in the square opposite the proposal for which he votes; and
  - (b.) May, in addition, place on his ballot-paper the figure "2," or the figures "2" and "3," in the squares opposite the several proposals in the order of his preference.
- (4.) A ballot-paper shall be informal—
  - (a.) Upon which a voter signs his name or writes any word or makes any mark by which it becomes recognizable; or
  - (b.) On which the figure "1" is not marked; or
  - (c.) On which the figure "1" is set opposite more than one proposal; or
  - (d.) On which the figure "1" and some other figure is set opposite the same proposal; or
  - (e.) Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty.
- (5.) A voting-paper shall not be informal by reason only of—
  - (a.) A figure (not being the figure "1") being placed opposite more than one proposal, but the votes indicated by that figure or any higher figure shall not be effectual; or
  - (b.) A figure (not being the figure "1") being omitted in the numerical sequence of the order of the voter's preference, but the votes indicated by any figure higher than the figure so omitted shall not be effectual.

Method of recording preferential votes.

Informal ballot-papers.

Opening ballot-box.

7B. (1.) The Returning Officer at each polling-booth, as soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, in the presence of the poll clerks, if any, and of such officers as are present, but not of any other person, shall open the ballot-box, and taking therefrom the ballot-papers shall set aside all informal ballot-papers, and shall ascertain in respect of each proposal the number of ballot-papers which are marked with the figure "1" opposite the name of such proposal.

(2.) The number so ascertained in respect of each proposal shall be deemed, provisionally and until the official count, to be the number of first-preference votes recorded for that proposal at the polling-booth at which they were so recorded.

Result of voting to be announced.

7c. Immediately after ascertaining the number of first-preference votes recorded for each proposal, the Returning Officer shall announce the result at the polling-booth at which he presides, and shall transmit the result by telegraph or other expeditious means to the Returning Officer of the electorate, who, on receipt of all such returns, shall ascertain therefrom the total number of first-preference votes received by each proposal within the electorate, and transmit the result by telegraph or other expeditious means to the Chief Electoral Officer.

Deputies to make up books and papers into parcels.

7D. (1.) The Returning Officer shall then forthwith make up into separate parcels—

- (a.) The used ballot-papers, together with (but in a separate enclosure) the ballot-papers set aside as informal;
- (b.) The ballot-papers, in separate bundles, on which first choices are recorded for each proposal;
- (c.) The unused and spoilt ballot-papers;
- (d.) All books and papers kept and used by him during the polling except the certified copy of the roll supplied to him on which is noted the fact that any elector has tendered his vote; and
- (e.) (i.) A statement, in the prescribed form, of the number of first-preference votes received for each proposal, and of the number of ballot-papers set aside as informal; and  
(ii.) A statement in the prescribed form, of the number of ballot-papers originally delivered to the Returning Officer, the number thereof delivered to and used by voters, the number of spoilt ballot-papers, and the number of ballot-papers not delivered to and used by voters.

(2.) The statements referred to in paragraph (e) of this section shall be prepared by the Returning Officer, and shall be signed by him.

(3.) Every parcel made up pursuant to this section shall be sealed by the Returning Officer with his own seal, and shall be endorsed by him with a description of the contents thereof, the name of the electorate, the name of the polling-booth, and the date of the polling; and such endorsement shall be signed by the Returning Officer.

(4.) The Returning Officer shall with all possible despatch deliver or transmit all the separate parcels referred to in the *last preceding* subsection to the Returning Officer of the electoral district, who, on receipt of all such parcels, shall with all possible despatch transmit the same to the Chief Electoral Officer.

#### *Official Count of the Votes and Declaration of Poll.*

Official count of the votes.

7E. (1.) On completion of the scrutiny of the rolls, as directed by sections one hundred and forty-two and one hundred and forty-three of the Legislature Act, the Returning Officer shall, in the prescribed form, forward the result thereof to the Chief Electoral Officer.

(2.) On receipt of the results of every such scrutiny conducted within each electorate the Chief Electoral Officer, with such assistance as he deems necessary, shall proceed as follows:—

- (a.) He shall open separately each of the parcels of ballot-papers, and, after setting aside all informal ballot-papers, shall count the number of first-preference votes recorded for each proposal on the ballot-papers contained therein, and shall compare the results of the count in respect of each parcel with the corresponding statement mentioned in paragraph (e) of the *last preceding* section. The Returning Officer shall, where necessary, amend any such statement, and every such statement (whether amended or not) shall be initialled by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- (b.) The Returning Officer shall then deal in like manner with all absent-voters' ballot-papers and seamen's ballot-papers, and shall count the number of first-preference votes recorded thereon for each proposal.
- (c.) The Returning Officer shall then count the votes in accordance with the following rules in section *seven F* hereof.

Ascertaining result  
of poll.

7F. The result of the poll shall be ascertained as follows:—

- (a.) The number of first choices recorded for each proposal shall be counted and all informal ballot-papers shall be rejected. The aggregate number of such first choices shall be divided by two and the quotient increased by one, the resulting number, disregarding any fractional remainder, shall be the quota.
- (b.) Any proposal which has, upon the first choices being counted, received a number of such votes equal to or greater than the quota shall be deemed to be carried.
- (c.) When after the first choices have been counted no proposal has obtained the quota the proposal which is lowest on the poll shall be excluded, and all the votes obtained for it shall be transferred to the proposal next in the order of the voter's respective preferences.
- (d.) If at any time when a proposal has to be excluded under these rules two or more proposals have each the same number of votes, the Returning Officer shall decide which proposal shall be excluded.
- (e.) The same process of excluding the proposal lowest on the poll and transferring the votes to other proposals shall be repeated until the proposal receives the quota.
- (f.) When the number of votes obtained for a proposal is raised up to or above the quota by any such transfer as aforesaid, that proposal shall thereupon be declared to be carried:

Provided, however, that, for the purpose of ascertaining the quota only, the ballot-papers of all voters who have voted for the proposal which has received the smallest number of votes and who has not indicated in manner provided in subsections *two, three, four, and five* of section *seven A* hereof any further valid preference shall be deemed to be rejected.

Count may be  
adjourned.

7G. (1.) The count of the votes by the Returning Officer may be adjourned from time to time as the Returning Officer deems necessary.

(2.) Each adjournment and also the time and place for the continuation of the count shall be announced to the Supervisors and officers by the Returning Officer.

(3.) Before any such adjournment the room containing all ballot-papers and other documents connected with the count shall be securely locked up by the Returning Officer, and all receptacles con-

taining such ballot-papers and other documents shall also be securely locked up within such room under the seal of the Returning Officer.

Public declaration  
of poll.

7H. As soon as conveniently may be after the counting of the votes has been completed the Returning Officer shall publicly declare in Form Y in the Schedule hereto, the result of the poll, and the proposal therein declared to be carried, and shall come into effect as set forth in section *seven I* hereof.

*Certifying the Result of the Voting.*

Certificate of result  
of poll.

7I. (1.) The Chief Electoral Officer shall, from the returns to the writs, prepare a statement showing as regards the whole of New Zealand—

(a.) The number of votes given in favour of the issues (a), (b), (c), and (d); and

(b.) The number of ballot-papers rejected as informal; and shall sign and certify the statement and publish a copy thereof in the *Gazette*.

(2.) The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer so published shall (except in so far as the Court otherwise orders under the provisions hereinafter contained) be conclusive evidence of the result of the referendum and of the validity and regularity of all antecedent proceedings, and of the fulfilment of and compliance with all necessary conditions.

(3.) The vote on the referendum shall take effect from the publication of the certificate in the *Gazette*.

Form Y.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

*Form of Ballot-paper.*

Number and Titles of Proposals.	Order of Preference.
(a.) National Prohibition without compensation. (That is, close all hotels at the end of the term for which licenses were granted—June next)	
(b.) National Prohibition with compensation. (That is, close all hotels and pay compensation for goodwill as suggested by the National Efficiency Board.)	
(c.) National Ownership. (That is, take away all private licenses to sell liquor, the State buying all hotels and breweries to carry on the business of manufacture and sale as suggested in the liquor party's petition.)	
(d.) National Continuance. (That is, leave everything just as at present.)	

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

(1.) Each elector has one vote, and one vote only.

(2.) The elector votes—

(a.) By placing the figure "1" opposite the title of the proposal he likes best. He is also invited to place—

(b.) The figure "2" opposite the title of his second choice.

(c.) The figure "3" opposite the title of his third choice.

N.B.—The vote will be spoilt if the figure "1" is placed opposite more than one proposal.

## Form Z.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE RESULT OF THE POLL AND OF THE TRANSFER OF VOTES.

Proposals : Number and Short Title.	First Preference Votes.	First Transfer of Votes.	Result.	Second Transfer of Votes.	Result.	Third Transfer of Votes.	Result.
No. (a.) [ <i>Short Title.</i> ]							
No. (b.)							
No. (c.)							
No. (d.)							
Effective votes :							
Preferences exhausted :							
Total valid votes :							
Total ballot-papers :							

I hereby declare that Proposal No. [*Short Title*] has been carried.

*Signature* : \_\_\_\_\_, Chief Electoral Officer.