

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of November, 1927.

LICENSING AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. J. C. ROLLESTON, in Committee, to move the following new clause :—

Licensing Polls in Proclaimed Areas.

Special poll to be taken in the King-country.

6A. (1) With respect to every area proclaimed by the Governor-General under section two hundred and seventy-two of the Licensing Act, 1908, or the corresponding provisions of any former Licensing Act, and in force on the passing of this Act, a poll shall be taken simultaneously with the licensing poll to be taken next after the passing of this Act to determine the question whether liquor shall be sold within that area or not.

(2) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make regulations prescribing the mode of taking such poll, the form in which the question shall be submitted, how the result shall be declared, how disputes as to the result of the poll shall be determined, and generally for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

(3) The proposal that liquor shall be sold within the area mentioned shall not be deemed to be carried unless three-fifths of the votes cast shall be in favour of such proposal.

(4) If the determination is in favour of the proposal that liquor shall be sold within any such area, such area shall be deemed to be a licensing district under the principal Act, and a Licensing Committee shall be constituted in accordance with the principal Act, save that the first election of the elective members of that Committee shall take place on a day appointed by the Governor-General in that behalf, and succeeding periodical elections shall take place on the corresponding day in every third year thereafter.

(5) At the first annual meeting of the Licensing Committee so constituted in any district, and thereafter from time to time, licenses of the descriptions which may be granted under the principal Act shall be granted in accordance with that Act, and the Committee shall exercise in respect of such licenses all the powers vested in a Licensing Committee by the principal Act :

Provided that such first annual meeting of the Committee shall not be held until after the next ensuing session of Parliament.

(6) The number of publicans' licenses so granted shall not exceed one for every complete *five* hundred electors of the district at the date of the coming into force of the determination, and shall not be less (if a sufficient number of such licenses is duly applied for) than one for every complete *one thousand* electors of the district at the date aforesaid :

Provided that every application for a license shall, notwithstanding anything herein, be subject to all the provisions of section eighty-three to section one hundred and five of the principal Act.