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THE LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS (EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES) ORDER 1968

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 1st day of July 1968

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Local Elections and Polls Act 1966, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and at the request of the local authorities to which this order applies, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

1. Title—This order may be cited as the Local Elections and Polls (Experimental Procedures) Order 1968.

PART I

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AUTHORISED TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS UNDER EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

2. Local authorities authorised to hold elections over consecutive days—(1) The Returning Officers at the triennial general elections of members of the Christchurch City Council and the Stratford Borough Council, to be held on the 12th day of October 1968 (including the elections of Mayors), are hereby authorised to take those elections over a period of six consecutive days commencing on the 7th day of October 1968 and ending with the 12th day of October 1968.

(2) The voting at the elections referred to in subclause (1) of this clause shall commence and close at the following hours on the days specified:

			Commence	Close
Monday to Thursday	.....	.....	9 a.m.	5 p.m.
Friday	.....	.....	9 a.m.	9 p.m.
Saturday	.....	.....	9 a.m.	7 p.m.:

Provided that the Returning Officer may authorise any Deputy Returning Officer in charge of any polling booth to close that polling booth for such reasonable periods during those hours on any day except Saturday the 12th day of October 1968 as is required to enable the staff at that polling booth to have a meal.

(3) Except as is otherwise expressly provided in this clause, and subject to Part II of this order, the elections referred to in subclause (1) of this clause shall be conducted in accordance with the Local Elections and Polls Act 1966 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

3. Local authorities authorised to hold elections by postal vote—

(1) The Returning Officers at the triennial general elections of members of the Councils of the local authorities specified in the First Schedule to this order to be held on the 12th day of October 1968 are hereby authorised to conduct those elections by postal vote only.

(2) Subject to Part III of this order, those elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

4. Local authority authorised to use mobile polling booths—(1) The Returning Officer at the triennial general election of members of the Palmerston North City Council to be held on the 12th day of October 1968 is hereby authorised to use one or more mobile polling booths at that election in addition to the polling places required by the Act.

(2) Subject to Part IV of this order, that election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

5. Elections of other local authorities and polls to be taken in same manner—

(1) Where the Returning Officer of any local authority specified in subclause (1) of clause 2 or in subclause (1) of clause 3 or in subclause (1) of clause 4 of this order takes the election of members of the local authority in accordance with the provisions of those subclauses, he shall also conduct within the district of that local authority at the same time and in the same manner the election of members of any other local authority of which he is Returning Officer which he is required to conduct at the same time as the first-mentioned election and any poll that is required to be held at the same time as the first-mentioned election.

(2) Nothing in this clause shall be construed to affect the provisions of section 49 of the Act.

PART II

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS WHERE ELECTION TAKEN OVER CONSECUTIVE DAYS

6. "Polling period" defined—In this Part of this order and in the Second Schedule to this order the term "polling period", in relation to any election taken by the Returning Officer of the Christchurch City Council or the Stratford Borough Council in accordance with clause 2 or clause 5 of this order, means the period commencing on the 7th day of October 1968 and ending with the 12th day of October 1968.

7. Modification of Act—For the purposes of any election held in accordance with clause 2 or clause 5 of this order, the Act shall have effect as if it had been amended in the manner indicated in the Second Schedule to this order.

8. Polling places—The Returning Officer may appoint such number of polling places for each day of the polling period as he thinks fit for the taking of the election on that day, and he may, if he so desires, appoint different polling places for different days of the polling period.

9. Ballot boxes, rolls, etc.—Ballot boxes containing votes exercised, and all rolls, unused voting papers, counterfoils, and other material used in connection with the election, shall immediately on the close of the voting on each day of the polling period, except Saturday the 12th day of October 1968, be placed in a fireproof room by the Returning Officer, or by the Deputy Returning Officer in charge of any polling place in accordance with the directions given him by the Returning Officer, and shall not be removed from that room until they are required for the conduct of the election on the following day.

10. Returning Officer may announce number of voting papers issued—The Returning Officer may, after 1 p.m. and after the time of the close of the voting on each day of the polling period, publicly announce the number of voting papers that have been issued up to any such time on that day, and, where the election has then extended over more than one day, the total number of voting papers that have been issued up to that time.

11. Application of sections 82 and 85 of Act—Sections 82 and 85 of the Act shall have effect only in respect of the 12th day of October 1968.

12. Modification of Local Elections and Polls (Special Voting) Regulations 1968—(1) For the purposes of any election or poll taken in accordance with clause 2 or clause 5 of this order, the Local Elections and Polls (Special Voting) Regulations 1968* shall have effect as if they had been amended as follows:

(a) By omitting from paragraph (b) of form 1 in the First Schedule thereto the words “polling day” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “the day he applies to vote”:

(b) By omitting from paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) of the same form the words “on polling day”, and substituting in each case the words “during the polling period”:

(c) By omitting paragraph (j) of the same form.

(2) For the purposes of any such election or poll, a printed form of declaration in form 1 in the said Schedule may be amended by the Returning Officer so as to accord with subclause (1) of this clause.

PART III

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS WHERE ELECTION TAKEN BY POSTAL VOTE

13. Interpretation—In this Part of this order—

“Close of voting” means the hour of 4 p.m. on the 12th day of October 1968:

“Election” means an election or poll taken by postal vote by the Returning Officer for any of the Councils specified in the First Schedule to this order pursuant to clause 3 of this order.

14. Modification of Act—(1) For the purposes of any election, the Act shall have effect as if it had been amended in the manner indicated in the Third Schedule to this order.

(2) For the purposes of any election, section 67 of the Act shall have effect as if the place where the preliminary count of the votes is to take place were a polling booth within the meaning of that section.

15. Issue of voting papers—(1) As soon as practicable after the 26th day of September 1968 and in any case not later than the 4th day of October 1968, the Returning Officer shall forward by post addressed to each elector at the address shown against that elector's name on the roll, or at his residential address in New Zealand, if to the knowledge of the Returning Officer that address is different from the address shown on the roll, one voting paper for every vote that he is entitled to give at the election of a member of the County Council and at every other election or poll held concurrently with that election, together with an envelope stamped and addressed to the Returning Officer.

(2) Every such envelope shall, in addition to the address of the Returning Officer, bear on its face the name of the riding of the county in which the elector is entitled to vote at the election of a member of the County Council, the number of votes to which he is entitled at that election, and the consecutive number of that elector's name on the roll.

(3) In any case where the Returning Officer considers it desirable to do so, he may also include on the envelope the names of any other elections which he is required to conduct at the same time as the triennial general election of members of the County Council, and the number of votes to which the elector is entitled at each of those other elections:

Provided that where in any case the elector is not entitled to vote at any such other election, the name of that other election shall be struck out on the face of the envelope.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (3) of this clause, where in respect of any election an elector is not entitled to exercise more than one vote, it shall not be necessary for the number of votes to which he is entitled at the election to be shown on the face of the envelope.

(5) The accidental omission by the Returning Officer to forward voting papers to any elector whose name appears on the roll shall not be a ground on which a petition for an inquiry into the conduct of the election may be founded.

16. Method of voting—(1) On receipt by him of the voting papers forwarded by the Returning Officer, the elector shall alone and secretly on each voting paper exercise his vote in accordance with the instructions on the voting paper and in accordance with any additional instructions that the Returning Officer may deem it advisable to give to the elector.

(2) Where any elector is wholly or partially blind, or is unable to read or write (whether because of physical handicap or otherwise), or is not sufficiently familiar with the English language to vote without assistance, each voting paper may be marked by the voter with the assistance of an elector of the county or may be marked by an elector of the county in accordance with the instructions of the voter.

(3) The person assisting the voter in accordance with subclause (2) of this clause shall sign his name on the back of each voting paper, and shall add the words "Witness for blind or partially blind person" or "Witness for person unable to read or write" or "Witness for person not familiar with the English language", as the case may be. The witness shall print his full name and address after the words added as aforesaid.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the Third Schedule to this order, subsection (6) of section 36 of the Act shall apply with respect to every person assisting any person to vote under subclause (2) of this clause.

17. Return of voting papers to Returning Officer—(1) After the votes of an elector have been exercised as provided in clause 16 of this order, the elector shall enclose the voting papers in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, taking care to ensure that only his own voting papers are included in that envelope, and shall by hand or post deliver that envelope to the Returning Officer or to any Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the Returning Officer.

(2) For the purposes of this Part of this order, delivery into the private receiving box or private mail bag of the Returning Officer at a post office shall be deemed delivery to the Returning Officer, but any other delivery to any office of the post office or delivery to any other person except a Deputy Returning Officer shall not be deemed delivery to the Returning Officer.

18. Voting papers to be returned before close of voting—No voting paper shall be valid unless it is delivered to the Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer before the close of voting.

19. Voting papers returned to be marked—(1) Every envelope containing voting papers received by the Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the voting shall be marked with his official mark.

(2) Any envelope received after the close of voting by the Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer shall be marked "Received after the close of voting", and shall be signed by the Returning Officer or the Deputy Returning Officer and marked with his official mark and shall be set aside unopened.

20. Right of elector to vote as special voter—Any elector whose name appears on the copy of the roll used at the election who claims not to have received his voting papers or to have spoiled or destroyed them

shall be entitled to vote as a special voter, and for this purpose section 37 of the Act shall be deemed to be extended to include such electors in the classes of electors who may vote at any election as special voters.

21. Ballot boxes—(1) The Returning Officer shall provide in his office a locked ballot box for each riding of the county in which an election is conducted, and shall in that ballot box place unopened all envelopes bearing the name of that riding delivered to him before the close of voting. No such ballot box shall be opened until after the close of voting.

(2) Any ballot box containing envelopes delivered to the Returning Officer before the close of voting shall, except during ordinary office hours, be kept by him in a fireproof room.

22. Returning Officer may announce number of voting papers sent and returned—The Returning Officer may from time to time, on any day after the 4th day of October 1968 up to and including the 11th day of October 1968, publicly announce the total number of persons to whom voting papers have been sent and the number of envelopes containing voting papers received by him.

23. Procedure after close of poll—(1) From time to time but before taking action pursuant to subclause (2) of this clause, the Returning Officer shall cause to be made up into separate parcels all the counterfoils of voting papers that have been used at the election, all spoilt voting papers, and all the unused voting papers with their counterfoils attached.

(2) After the close of voting, the Returning Officer and such members of his staff as are authorised by him shall open the ballot boxes and extract the envelopes.

(3) Each envelope shall then be opened and the voting papers extracted therefrom, and the envelope shall be placed to one side.

(4) In any case where it appears that the number of voting papers contained in the envelope is more or less than the number which the elector is entitled to exercise at the election, the voting papers shall be replaced in the envelope and that envelope shall also be placed on one side.

(5) All voting papers which do not clearly indicate the candidate or candidates for whom the voter desired to vote shall be set aside as informal.

(6) When all envelopes have been dealt with, the total number of votes recorded for each candidate at the election shall be ascertained.

(7) The Returning Officer shall provisionally announce the total number of votes received by each candidate at the election, including votes to which subclause (2) of clause 16 of the Local Elections and Polls (Special Voting) Regulations 1968* applies.

(8) Immediately after ascertaining the number of votes recorded for each candidate, the Returning Officer shall make up into separate parcels the used voting papers, together with (but in a separate enclosure) the voting papers set aside under subclause (5) of this clause; and shall seal the parcel and endorse it with a description of its contents,

the name of the district and riding, and the date of the polling; and the endorsement shall be signed by the Returning Officer and by such of the scrutineers as are present and consent to sign it.

(9) The Returning Officer may request a Justice to attend at the preliminary count of votes pursuant to this clause.

24. Scrutiny of the roll—(1) The Returning Officer shall in the presence and the hearing of such scrutineers as are present, from the envelopes delivered to him and from the records of special votes exercised, conduct a scrutiny of the roll by drawing on a copy of the roll (called the master roll) a line in pencil or ink through the number and name of every elector who appears to have voted.

(2) If, from the marking of the master roll and all the records of special votes exercised in respect of the district and after such inquiry as the Returning Officer thinks necessary, it appears that any person has voted more than once at the election, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of such scrutineers as choose to be present, extract the voting papers on which the number corresponding to the name of that person appears and, taking care to ensure that the voting papers so extracted are so covered that the votes recorded thereon are not seen by any person present, shall disallow every vote appearing to have been given by means of the voting papers so extracted:

Provided that, if the Returning Officer is satisfied that the voter lawfully received and returned a voting paper or voting papers and that he was not in any way concerned in the issue or return of any other voting paper or voting papers, the Returning Officer shall allow the valid vote or votes given by means of the voting paper or voting papers lawfully received and returned by the voter, and shall disallow the other vote or votes.

(3) In any case where an envelope contains more voting papers or fewer voting papers than those to which the elector appears to be entitled, the Returning Officer, taking care to ensure that the voting papers contained in that envelope are so covered that the votes recorded thereon are not seen by any person present, may take such steps as he considers necessary to ascertain whether any additional voting papers included in that envelope are those of some other elector or whether any voting papers that have been omitted from that envelope are included in some other envelope. Where the Returning Officer is satisfied that those votes should be allowed, he shall place the voting papers in a ballot box specially set aside for the purpose and include them in his official count.

PART IV

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS WHERE MOBILE POLLING BOOTH IS USED

25. "Election" defined—In this Part of this order, the term "election" means the election to be taken by the Returning Officer of the Palmerston North City Council on the 12th day of October 1968 for the Palmerston North City Council (including the election of Mayor) and any other election or poll conducted within the district of that local authority pursuant to clause 5 of this order.

26. Act to apply to mobile polling booths—For the purposes of the election and subject to this Part of this order, the Act shall apply to every mobile polling booth as if the mobile polling booth were a polling booth in a polling place established under the Act.

27. Hours of voting at mobile polling booth—Notwithstanding anything in section 28 of the Act, every mobile polling booth shall be open for voting at such times between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the afternoon and at such places as the Returning Officer for the election determines:

Provided that the mobile polling booth shall not be open for voting while in transit to or from any polling place.

28. Mobile booth a polling place—Every place at which the mobile polling booth is for the time being stationed pursuant to clause 29 of this order shall be deemed to be a polling place for the purposes of the Act.

29. Notice of polling places—(1) The public notice of polling places required to be given under section 21 of the Act shall, in addition to containing the information required to be given under that section, describe the places at which the mobile polling booth will be stationed and the times between which the booth will be open at those places for the purposes of polling.

(2) The mobile polling booth shall not depart from any such place before the time advertised for its departure from that place:

Provided that the failure to station the mobile polling booth at any place for the full period notified shall not affect the results of the election.

30. Stationing of mobile booth adjacent to ordinary booth—The Returning Officer may, if he thinks fit, station any mobile polling booth at or adjacent to any other polling place at such times as he may determine between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon of polling day and seven o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, not being times of which public notice has been given pursuant to clause 29 of this order; and, for the purposes of the Act, the mobile polling booth shall be deemed to be a polling booth at that other polling place while so stationed there.

31. Procedure at close of voting—(1) As soon as practicable after the close of voting, the Deputy Returning Officer in charge of a mobile polling booth shall, if so directed by the Returning Officer, transfer the unopened ballot box, together with all voting papers, rolls, and other papers and equipment used or issued for use in the mobile polling booth in connection with the election, to another polling place used for the election, and shall there undertake, in the presence of such scrutineers as are appointed to the mobile polling booth as are present and such poll clerks as are likewise appointed, the duties imposed upon him by section 39 of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of the election, subsection (2) of section 39 of the Act shall have effect as if the words "the name of the polling place" were omitted in respect of parcels made up by the Deputy Returning Officer at a mobile polling booth.

PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

32. **Local Elections and Polls (Special Voting) Regulations to be read subject to this order**—For the purposes of any election to which this order applies, the Local Elections and Polls (Special Voting) Regulations 1968* shall be read subject to this order.

33. **Revocations**—The following orders are hereby revoked:

(a) The Local Elections and Polls (Experimental Procedures) Order 1962†:

(b) The Local Elections and Polls (Experimental Procedures) Order 1965‡.

SCHEDULES

Clauses 3, 13

FIRST SCHEDULE

COUNTY COUNCILS WHERE ELECTIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY POSTAL
VOTE

Akaroa
Awatere
Cook
Coromandel
Egmont
Eketahuna
Ellesmere
Franklin
Kiwitea
Mackenzie
Malvern
Marlborough
Ohinemuri
Patangata
Rangiora
Rangitikei
Rodney
Taumarunui
Taupo
Thames
Waiaapu
Waikohu
Waimea
Waipawa
Wallace
Westland
Whangarei

* S.R. 1968/38

† S.R. 1962/144

‡ S.R. 1965/147

Clause 7

SECOND SCHEDULE

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN OVER
CONSECUTIVE DAYS

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 12	<p>By omitting the words from "Not less than thirty-five clear days before the day fixed by law for the triennial general election of the members of any local authority", and substituting the words "Not later than the 6th day of September 1968".</p> <p>By omitting the words "the twenty-ninth day before the elections", and substituting the words "the 13th day of September 1968".</p>
Section 19	By omitting the words "polling day", and substituting the words "the commencement of the polling period".
Section 20	By omitting the words "polling day" and substituting the words "the 12th day of October 1968".
Section 21	<p>By omitting from subsection (1) the words "day on which the election is to be held", and substituting the words "polling period".</p> <p>By omitting from the proviso to subsection (1) the words "before polling day", and substituting the words "before the commencement of the polling period".</p>
Section 22	<p>By omitting the words "before polling day" wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words "before the commencement of the polling period".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (2) (b) the words "on polling day or".</p>
Section 23	<p>By omitting from subsection (1) the words "polling day", and substituting the words "the commencement of the polling period".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (2) the words "on polling day before the hour of seven o'clock in the afternoon", and substituting the words "during the polling period".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (3) the words "polling day", and substituting the words "the 12th day of October 1968".</p>
Section 24	By omitting from subsection (1) the words "polling day", and substituting the words "the commencement of the polling period".

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN OVER
CONSECUTIVE DAYS—*continued*

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 24— <i>continued</i>	By omitting from subsections (2) and (3) the words “on polling day”, and substituting in each case the words “during the polling period”.
Section 27	By omitting from subsection (3) the words “at any time after voting has commenced and before the Deputy Returning Officer has signed the certificate referred to in paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 39 of this Act”, and substituting the words “during the hours of polling or while action is being taken pursuant to subsection (1) of section 39 of this Act”.
Section 28	By omitting subsection (1). By omitting from subsection (2) the words “at seven o'clock in the afternoon of polling day”, and substituting the words “at the close of voting on any day during the polling period”.
Section 37	By adding to subsection (2) the words “on that day”. By omitting from paragraph (b) the words “polling day” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “the day on which he applies to vote”. By omitting from paragraph (c) and also from paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) the words “on polling day”, and substituting in each case the words “during the polling period”.
Section 39	By omitting paragraph (j). By inserting in subsection (1) after the words “the close of voting” the words “on the 12th day of October 1968”. By omitting from subsection (2) the words “the date of the voting”, and substituting the words “the 12th day of October 1968”.
Section 40	By inserting in subsection (1) after the words “close of voting”, the words “on the 12th day of October 1968”.
Section 44	By inserting, after the words “close of voting”, the words “on the 12th day of October 1968”.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN OVER
CONSECUTIVE DAYS—*continued*

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 46	By adding the following subsection: “(5) This section shall be read subject to clause 9 of the Local Elections and Polls (Experimental Procedures) Order 1968”.
Section 54	By omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and also from paragraphs (c) and (e) of that subsection the words “polling day”, and substituting in each case the words “the 12th day of October 1968”. By omitting from subsection (1) (d) the words “on polling day before the close of voting, or at any time on any of the three days immediately preceding polling day”, and substituting the words “during the polling period”. By omitting from subsection (1) (g) the words “on polling day before the close of voting”, and substituting the words “during the hours of voting on any day that is part of the polling period”.
Section 65	By omitting all the words after the words “clear days before”, and substituting the words “the commencement of the polling period, the Returning Officer shall give public notice of any poll to be held”.
Section 67	By omitting from paragraph (a) the words “before the poll”, and substituting the words “before the commencement of the polling period”.
Section 80	By omitting from subsection (1) the words “of the twenty-second day preceding polling day”, and substituting the words “of the 20th day of September 1968”.
First Schedule	By omitting from form 2 the words “on the day of 19.....”, and substituting the words “during the period commencing on Monday the 7th day of October 1968 and ending with Saturday the 12th day of October 1968”. By omitting from form 5 the words “on [Date]”, and substituting the words “during the period commencing on Monday the 7th day of October 1968 and

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN OVER
CONSECUTIVE DAYS—*continued*

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
First Schedule— <i>contd.</i>	<p>ending with Saturday the 12th day of October 1968”.</p> <p>By omitting from form 5 the words “9 a.m. to 7 p.m.”, and substituting the words “[<i>Insert the times specified in clause 2 (2) of the Local Elections and Polls (Experimental Procedures) Order 1968 (stating any period of closure for meals)</i>]”.</p> <p>By omitting from form 8 the words “on the day of 19.....”, and substituting the words “during the period commencing on Monday the 7th day of October 1968 and ending with Saturday the 12th day of October 1968”.</p>

Clause 14

THIRD SCHEDULE

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN BY POSTAL VOTE

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 21	By omitting from subsection (1) all words after the words “several candidates”.
Section 25	By omitting subsection (2).
Section 27	By omitting this section.
	By omitting from subsection (1) the words “each polling booth at any election”, and substituting the words “the place at which the preliminary count of the votes is to take place”.
	By omitting from subsection (2) the words “the Deputy Returning Officer at the polling booth for which he is appointed”, and substituting the words “a Deputy Returning Officer”.
	By omitting subsection (3).
Sections 28 to 31	By omitting these sections.

THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN BY POSTAL
VOTE—*continued*

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 32	<p>By omitting subsections (1), (2), and (3). By omitting from subsection (4) all words down to words "has prepared", and substituting the words "Before posting any voting paper to a voter, the Deputy Returning Officer or Returning Officer shall prepare".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (4) (a) the words "in the same booth".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (4) (d) the words "so that the booth in which the voting paper was issued may be identified".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (4) (e) the words "papers given to him" and substituting the words "papers posted to him".</p>
Sections 34 to 36	By omitting these sections.
Section 39	By omitting this section.
Section 41	By omitting subsections (1) to (5).
Section 42	<p>By omitting from subsection (1) the words "referred to in subsection (1) of section 39 of this Act".</p> <p>By omitting from subsection (2) (b) the words "and the number of the booth at which they were recorded".</p>
Section 45	<p>By omitting from subsection (1) (a) the words "section 33 or section 41 of this Act", and substituting the words "section 33 of this Act or the Local Elections and Polls (<i>Experimental Procedures</i>) Order 1968".</p> <p>By inserting in subsection (1) (a) after the words "votes of special voters", the words "and all envelopes containing voting papers delivered to the Returning Officer within seven days after the close of the election".</p>
Section 46	<p>By omitting subsections (1) and (2). By omitting from subsection (3) the words "used at the polling booth at which he presides", and substituting the words "received by him". By omitting from subsection (3) all words after the words "section 45 of this Act".</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*
MODIFICATIONS OF THE ACT WHERE ELECTION TAKEN BY POSTAL
VOTE—*continued*

Section or Schedule of Act Amended	Amendment
Section 46— <i>continued</i>	By omitting from subsection (4) the words “or Deputy Returning Officer”.
Sections 47 and 48	By omitting these sections.
Section 54	By omitting from subsection (1) (a) the words “either in a polling place or while on his way thereto”.
	By omitting from subsection (1) (d) the words “three days”, and substituting the words “fourteen days”.
	By omitting paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (1).
Section 63	By omitting from paragraph (b) the words “close of voting”, and substituting the words “the hour of 7 p.m. on the 12th day of October 1968”.
Section 67	By omitting from subsection (1) (a) the words “for each or any polling booth”, and substituting the words “the place at which the preliminary count of the votes is to take place”.
First Schedule	By omitting from form 5 the words “on [Date] 7 p.m.”, and substituting the words “by postal voting”.
	By omitting clause 3 of the Directions to Voter in form 6, and substituting the following clause: “(3) After voting, fold the voting paper, enclose it in and seal the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, and post the envelope or deliver it by hand to the Returning Officer or any Deputy Returning Officer”.
	By omitting from clause 4 of the Directions to Voter in form 6 the words “fresh one”, and substituting the words “special voting paper”.
	By omitting clause 5 of the Directions to Voter in form 6.
	By amending the Directions to Voter in forms 9, 10, and 11 in the manner corresponding to that provided in this Schedule in relation to form 6.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order makes provision for the holding of the 1968 triennial general elections of local authorities in accordance with experimental procedures in certain selected districts.

The districts in which those procedures may be adopted are:

- (a) The City of Christchurch and the Borough of Stratford, where the election may be held over a period of six consecutive days from 7 October 1968 to 12 October 1968.
- (b) The Counties of Akaroa, Awatere, Cook, Coromandel, Egmont, Eketahuna, Ellesmere, Franklin, Kīwitea, Mackenzie, Malvern, Marlborough, Ohinemuri, Patangata, Rangiora, Rangitikei, Rodney, Taumarunui, Taupo, Thames, Waiapu, Waikohu, Waimea, Waipawa, Wallace, Westland, and Whangarei, where the election may be by postal voting.
- (c) The City of Palmerston North, where mobile polling booths may be used in addition to the usual stationary booths.

The order makes such modifications in the normal procedure set out in the Local Elections and Polls Act 1966 as are necessary to enable the experimental procedures to be followed.

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