

*Apportionment of Representation on Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this third day of September, 1917.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS from time to time by Order in Council made under the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909, regulations have been made with respect to the constitution of Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards and the election of representatives of contributory local authorities thereon, and appointments have been made in regard to the representation of such contributory local authorities: And whereas it is desirable or necessary to consolidate such Orders in Council, and in some instances to revise such apportionments :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by the said Act, doth hereby make the regulations and provisions hereinafter set forth, and all previous Orders in Council relating thereto are hereby revoked :—

1. The contributory districts which are bracketed together in the second column of the Schedule hereto are hereby constituted combined districts for the purposes of the said Act.

2. Each contributory local authority whose district is distinguished in the second column of the Schedule hereto by the letter "p" is hereby declared to be the principal contributory local authority of the combined district in which that contributory district is included.

3. The number of representatives of each contributory or combined district on the Board of the hospital district in which that contributory or combined district is included shall be the number specified in the third column of the Schedule hereto opposite the name of that contributory or combined district.

4. Where there is more than one Returning Officer for a contributory district, the Returning Officer for the subdivision of the district in which or nearest to which the public office of the contributory local authority is situated shall be the Returning Officer for the purpose of elections of representatives of that contributory district.

5. As soon as conveniently may be after ascertaining the result of any election the Returning Officer therefor shall notify the Minister of that result.

*Elections in Combined Contributory Districts.*

6. Subject to the express provisions of these regulations, the election of representatives of a combined district shall be held under the provisions of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, and that Act shall apply accordingly as if such combined district were a district within the meaning thereof.

7. Every candidate at any such election of representatives of a combined district shall, at the time of nomination, deposit the sum of £3 with the Returning Officer, and if that candidate does not receive one-eighth of the votes received by the successful candidate or, as the case may be, by the successful candidate receiving the fewest votes, the deposit shall be forfeited to the principal contributory local authority and applied towards the cost of the election; but otherwise, or if the candidate is elected without a poll or duly withdraws his nomination, the deposit shall be returned to him.

8. The Returning Officer of the principal contributory local authority or, where there is more than one Returning Officer, the Returning Officer for the subdivision of the district in which or nearest to which the public office of that local authority is situated, shall be the Returning Officer for the election of representatives of the combined district.

9. The several electors rolls of the districts included in the combined district shall together be the electoral roll for the purposes of the election: Provided that every elector on those rolls shall have one vote only at the election.

10. The contributory local authorities of the combined district shall, on or before the day fixed for nominations, supply the Returning Officer with as many copies of the electors rolls of their districts as he may require for the purposes of the election.

11. The Returning Officer shall provide such polling-booths throughout the combined district as he considers necessary, and shall appoint as many Deputy Returning Officers and poll-clerks as are required for the effective taking of the poll at every polling-booth.

12. The poll shall close throughout the combined district at the hour at which it closes in the district of the principal contributory local authority.

(a.) The date of the first election of an additional representative for Raglan County, Featherston County, and Westland County shall be the date of the next ordinary general election of County Councils.

(b.) The date of the first election of an additional representative for Picton Road District shall be the date of the next ordinary general election of road districts.

(c.) Simultaneously with such elections of representatives of contributory local authorities to Hospital Boards as may herein be fixed to be held on the next ordinary general elections of County Councils, the present representatives of the road districts in Eden County and Hokitika Borough shall agree among themselves which of the representatives of the district which they represent shall retire from the Board of the district, and failing agreement the matter shall be determined by lot in such manner as the Board may decide, and none of these representatives shall be entitled to speak or to vote at a Board meeting or act in any capacity as a member of the Board until the necessary reduction is made in the number of representatives for the district they represent.

(d.) The first election of representatives for the combined districts of Franklin County, Waiuku Town District, and Pukekohe Borough; of Manukau County, Papakura Town District, and Otahuhu Borough; Rodney County, Warkworth Town District, Waitemata County, Takapuna Borough, New Lynn Town District, Helensville Town District, and Great Barrier Island County; of Tauranga County and Te Puke Town District; of Waimarino County, Ohakune Borough, Rangataua Town District, and Raetihi Town District; of Horowhenua County, Otaki Town District, and Levin Borough; of Wairua County and Motueka Borough; of Whakatane County; and of the County of Murchison, shall take place on the date of the next ordinary general election of members of County Councils, and in the meantime the representatives of the districts or combined districts in which they were grouped or out of which they have been created shall be deemed to be the representatives of the aforesaid districts.

(e.) The present representatives of the Taranaki County and of the combined district of Masterton and Castlepoint Counties shall continue to hold office until the date of the next ordinary general election of members of County Councils.

(f.) The first election of a representative for the Borough of Whakatane shall be the date of the first election of members of the Whakatane Borough Council.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.	3rd Col.	
Hospital District.	Contributory District.	Number of Representatives.	
Bay of Islands	Mongonui County .. ..	2	
	Whangaroa County .. ..	1	
	Bay of Islands County .. ..	3	
Whangarei ..	Hokianga County .. ..	2	
	Whangarei County (p) } Combined	6	
	Hikurangi Town District } district		
Kaipara ..	Whangarei Borough .. ..	2	
	Hobson County .. ..	4	
	Otamatea County .. ..	3	
Auckland ..	Dargaville Borough .. ..	1	
	Rodney County .. ..		
	Warkworth Town District	} Combined	1
	Waitemata County (p)		
	Takapuna Borough		
	New Lynn Town District	} district	
	Helensville Town District		
	Great Barrier Island County	} Combined	1
	Birkenhead Borough		
	Northcote Borough		
	Devonport Borough (p)	} Combined	1
	Road districts in Eden County*		
	Auckland City .. ..		5
Mount Albert Borough	} Combined	2	
Newmarket Borough			
Onehunga Borough			
Mount Eden Borough (p)	} Combined	1	
Ellerslie Town District			
Franklin County (p)	} Combined	1	
Waiuku Town District			
Pukekohe Borough	} Combined	1	
Manukau County (p)			
Papakura Town District			
Otahuhu Borough			

\* Principal contributory district, One Tree Hill Road District.