

Apportionment of Representation on Hospital Boards.—(H. 79.)

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 9th day of March, 1923.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING 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 Boards and the election of representatives of contributory local authorities thereon, and apportionments 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 the person who paid it.

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 Dannevirke Borough, Masterton Borough, and Christchurch City shall be the date of the next ordinary general election of Borough Councils.

(b.) The date of the first election of an additional representative for Vincent County and Southland County shall be the date of the next ordinary general election for County Councils.

(c.) The first election of a representative for Taumarunui County and of representatives for Waimea County and for the combined districts of Whangarei County and Hikurangi Town District; of Rodney County, Warkworth Town District, Waitemata County, Glen Eden Town District, Henderson Town District, Helensville Town District, and Great Barrier Island County; of Waipa County, Leamington Town District, and Ngaruawahia Borough; of Raglan County and Kawhia County; of Taupo County and Otorohanga County; of Matamata County and Matamata Town District; of Egmont County and Opunake Town District; and of Ellesmere County, Leeston Town District, and Springs County, 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 out of which they were created or in which they were grouped shall be deemed to be the representatives of the aforesaid counties or combined districts.

(d.) The first election of representatives for Motueka Borough and Tinwald Town District, and for the combined districts of Takapuna Borough, Birkenhead Borough, Northcote Borough, and Devonport Borough; of New Lynn Town District, Avondale Borough, Mount Albert Borough, Newmarket Borough, Mount Eden Borough, Onehunga Borough, and Ellerslie Town District; and of Richmond Borough, Nelson City, and Tahunanui Town District, shall take place on the date of the next ordinary general election of members of Borough Councils, and in the meantime the representatives of the districts or combined districts out of which they were created or in which they were grouped shall be deemed to be the representatives of the aforesaid Borough, Town District, or combined districts.

(e.) The present representatives of the combined district of Halswell, Heathcote, and Paparua Counties shall continue to hold office until the date of the next ordinary general election of members of County Councils.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.	3rd Col.
Hospital District.	Contributory District.	Number of Representatives.
Mangonui ..	Mangonui County	7
Whangaroa ..	Whangaroa County	7
Bay of Islands	Bay of Islands County	9
Hokianga ..	Hokianga County	7
Kaipara ..	Hobson County	4
	Otamatea County	3
	Dargaville Borough	1
Whangarei ..	Whangarei County (p) } Combined district	6
	Hikurangi Town District }	
	Whangarei Borough	2
Auckland ..	Rodney County	
	Warkworth Town District } Combined district	1
	Waitemata County (p) }	
	Glen Eden Town District }	
	Henderson Town District }	
	Helensville Town District }	
	Great Barrier Island Cty. }	
	Takapuna Borough } Combined district	1
	Birkenhead Borough }	
	Northcote Borough }	
	Devonport Borough (p) }	
	Road Districts in Eden } Combined district	1
	County* }	
	Auckland City	5
	New Lynn Town District } Combined district	2
	Avondale Borough }	
	Mount Albert Borough }	
	Newmarket Borough }	
	Mount Eden Borough (p) }	
	Onehunga Borough }	
	Ellerslie Town District }	