



ANALYSIS

Title	
1. Short Title	3. Division of New Zealand into
2. Constitution of the House of Representatives	European electorates after each census

1965, No. 17

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1956

[17 September 1965]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Electoral Amendment Act 1965, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electoral Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Constitution of the House of Representatives—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 11, and substituting the following section:

“11. The House of Representatives constituted as part of the General Assembly by section 32 of the New Zealand Constitution Act 1852 shall consist of—

“(a) The members elected for the European electoral districts constituted under this Part of this Act, being one member for each such district; and

“(b) Four members elected respectively for the Maori electoral districts constituted under this Part of this Act.”

3. Division of New Zealand into European electorates after each census—Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) After the census taken in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, and after each periodical census thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Commission to divide New Zealand into European electoral districts according to the following basis, that is to say:

“(a) The South Island shall be divided into twenty-five European electoral districts:

“(b) The European population of the South Island shall be divided by twenty-five, and the quotient so obtained shall be the quota for the South Island:

“(c) The European population of the North Island shall be divided by the quota for the South Island, and the quotient so obtained shall be the number of European electoral districts in the North Island. Where that quotient includes a fraction the fraction shall be disregarded unless it exceeds a half, in which case the number of such districts shall be the whole number next above that quotient:

“(d) The quota for the North Island shall be ascertained by dividing the European population of that Island by the number of European electoral districts in that Island, as ascertained under paragraph (c) of this subsection:

“(e) The extent of each district in each Island shall be such that at the time of making the division the European population thereof shall, subject to the provisions of section 17 of this Act as to the allowance, be equal to the quota for that Island:

“(f) In forming the several districts due consideration shall be given to the existing boundaries of electoral districts, to community of interest, to facilities of communications, and to topographical features.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
