



ANALYSIS

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1976, No. 46

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1956

[11 November 1976]

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 1976, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electoral Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Maori representation—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 23 (as substituted by section 8 of the Electoral Amendment Act 1975), and substituting the following section:

“23. (1) For the purpose of the representation of the Maori people in the House of Representatives, New Zealand shall be divided into 4 Maori electoral districts, to be known as—

The Northern Maori Electoral District:

The Eastern Maori Electoral District:

The Western Maori Electoral District:

The Southern Maori Electoral District.

“(2) The Governor-General may at any time, by Proclamation, redefine and declare, and from time to time alter, the boundaries of the several Maori electoral districts.

“(3) From the date of every Proclamation issued under this section, the boundaries of the Maori electoral districts as declared or altered by the Proclamation shall be the boundaries thereof for the purpose of the election of Maori members of Parliament after the dissolution or expiration of the then existing Parliament, and shall so continue until the next Proclamation under this section is issued and similarly takes effect.”

(2) Section 24 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) For the purposes of the election of Maori members of Parliament, the Chatham Islands shall be deemed to form part of the Western Maori Electoral District.”

(3) Section 8 of the Electoral Amendment Act 1975 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(4) Notwithstanding the repeal of section 23 of the principal Act (as originally enacted) by section 8 of the Electoral Amendment Act 1975, the Maori Electoral Districts Order 1954 (made by Proclamation on the 10th day of March 1954 and published in the *Gazette* on the 11th day of March 1954 at page 372) is hereby declared to have continued in force and to be in force as if the said section 23 had not been repealed.

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
