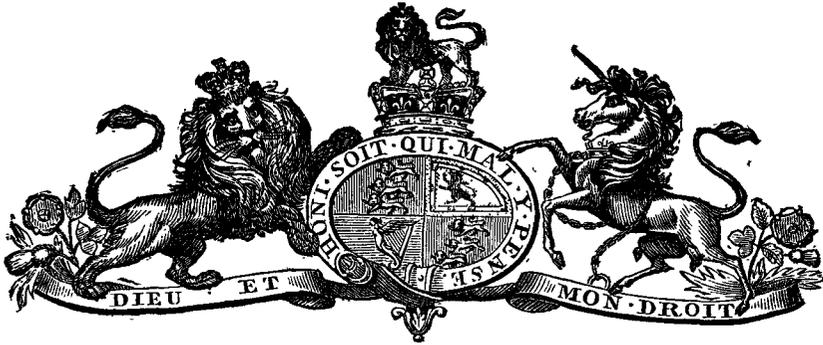


NEW ZEALAND.



TRICESIMO TERTIO ET TRICESIMO QUARTO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.
 No. XVI.

ANALYSIS.

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AN ACT to declare and amend the Law relating to the Qualification of Electors and Members of the House of Representatives. [12th September, 1870.] Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Qualifications of Electors Act 1870." Short Title.
2. It is hereby declared and enacted that every man who shall be duly qualified and registered as an elector of the House of Representatives in any part of the Colony shall be qualified to be elected a Member of the said House for any Electoral District within the Colony. Persons qualified as electors in any district qualified to be Member of any district.
3. If a Member of the House of Representatives shall after his election cease to possess the necessary qualification he shall not by reason only of his ceasing to possess such qualification be deemed incapable of continuing to hold his seat but shall continue to hold the same until he shall cease to be a Member from some other cause according to the law for the time being in force. Member ceasing to have qualification not to be incapable of holding his seat.
4. No trustee or mortgagee shall be deemed to be qualified to vote at elections of Members of the House of Representatives in respect of any trust or mortgage estate (as the case may be) unless he be in actual possession or receipt of the rents and profits of the estate but the *cestui que* trust or mortgagor (as the case may be) in such possession or receipt shall be deemed to be qualified in respect of the same estate notwithstanding such trust or mortgage. Provision as to trustees and mortgagees.
5. In the construction of the Constitution Act the time of registration shall be interpreted for purposes of the Constitution Act. "Time of registration"

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Persons qualified to vote as holders of miners' rights qualified to be elected.

tration shall be deemed to be the last day on which objections to claims to vote may by any law for the time being be served on the officer or person appointed or entitled to receive notice thereof.

6. And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of holders of miners' rights and business licenses to vote under the qualification of their miners' rights and business licenses It is hereby declared and enacted that the holder of a miner's right or business license which shall have had a currency of not less than six months immediately before the day of election or of two or more miners' rights or business licenses which shall consecutively have had a currency of not less than six months immediately before the day of election may vote on the election of Members of the House of Representatives or of the Provincial Council within such one Electoral District for the election of Members of the House of Representatives and such one Electoral District for the election of Members of the Provincial Council as he may think fit provided it be situate wholly or partly within a Gold Field proclaimed within the Province in which the said miner's right or rights or business license or licenses as the case may be was or were issued Provided also that within such district the holder of such miner's right or rights or business license or licenses is not otherwise a qualified and registered voter.

7. The Returning Officer or his Deputy whenever a vote in virtue of such miner's right or rights or business license or licenses is tendered shall stamp or write on it or them the name of the Electoral District within which such vote is proposed to be exercised and the date of such election and until after the expiration of the period of six calendar months from the date of the first election in any House of Representatives or Provincial Council Electoral District in which such miner's right or rights or business license or licenses have been taken into account in conferring a vote such miner's right or rights or business license or licenses shall be taken into account in conferring a vote only within such district and no other but after the expiration of the said period of six months the holder of a miner's right or rights or business license or licenses as aforesaid may elect to vote in the same or some other Electoral District situate wholly or partly within a Gold Field proclaimed within the Province in which the miner's right or rights or business license or licenses held by him shall have been issued And such election shall continue in force for six calendar months as aforesaid and so on.

8. It is hereby expressly declared that no person possessing more than one qualification in the same Electoral District whether the holder of a miner's right or rights or business license or licenses or of other qualification shall possess or exercise any greater or other number of votes within such Electoral District than he would if he had possessed only one qualification Except as in the two sections preceding specially provided nothing herein contained shall alter or affect "The Miners' Representation Act 1862" or the Acts amending the same.

9. Any person qualified to vote as holder of a miner's right or rights or business license or licenses shall be qualified to be elected and to sit as a Member of the House of Representatives or as Members of the Provincial Council but in either case for an Electoral District situate wholly or partly within a Gold Field proclaimed within the Province in which such miner's right or rights or business license or licenses shall have been issued.