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AN Act to amend the Representation Acts.

Title.

[21st October, 1875.]

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 Representation Act, 1875." Short Title.

2. After the Dissolution of the present Parliament, the House of Representatives shall consist of eighty-four Members over and beyond the four Members to be elected for the Maori Electoral Districts under the provisions of "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," or any Act continuing the same. House to consist of eighty-four Members.

3. For the purposes of the election of the said number of Members of the said House, the Electoral Districts as constituted immediately before the passing of this Act under "The Representation Act, 1870," as amended by "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1871," which said Acts are hereinafter referred to as "the said Acts," shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be the Electoral Districts for the purposes aforesaid. Existing Electoral Districts confirmed with certain exceptions.

4. The number of Members to be returned by each of the said Number of Members for each district.

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districts respectively shall be as set forth opposite the name of such district in the substituted Schedule to the said Acts and in the Schedule to this Act, except where otherwise provided by this Act.

Additional Members
to certain districts.

5. In addition to the number of Members now returnable for the under-mentioned Electoral Districts constituted under the said Acts there shall be returned for such districts the number of members set opposite the name of each district as follows:—

“Thames”	...	...	...	1 Member.
“Napier”	...	...	...	1 ”
“Wanganui”	...	...	...	1 ”
“Hokitika”	...	...	...	1 ”
“Waitaki”	...	...	...	1 ”
“City of Dunedin”	...	...	...	1 ”

Districts of City of
Christchurch East
and City of Christ-
church West shall
together form one
district.

6. The Electoral Districts of “City of Christchurch East” and “City of Christchurch West,” as now constituted under the said Acts, shall together form one Electoral District and be called by the name of “City of Christchurch District,” and such last-mentioned district shall, in addition to the Members now returnable for the Districts of “City of Christchurch East” and “City of Christchurch West,” return one Member.

Electoral District of
Timaru divided into
two districts.

7. The Electoral District of Timaru, as now constituted under the said Acts, shall be divided into two electoral districts by the River Opihi; the district north of the Opihi shall be called by the name of “Geraldine District,” and the district south of the said river shall be called by the name of “Timaru District,” and each of the said districts shall return one member.

Roll how to be
formed.

For the purpose of forming a roll for the Timaru District, as altered by this Act, and for the Geraldine District now constituted, the name of every elector now on the electoral roll for the Timaru District, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situated on the south side of the Opihi River, shall be placed on a new roll for the said Timaru District, and the name of every elector now on the roll for the said Timaru District, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situate on the north side of the Opihi River, shall be placed on a roll for the said Geraldine District.

Part of Waikato
District shall form
and be called Waipa
District.

8. That part of the Waikato Electoral District situate on the west side of the Waikato River shall form and be called by the name of the “Waipa District,” and shall return one member.

Roll how to be
formed.

For the purpose of forming a roll for the Waikato District as altered by this Act, and for the Waipa District now constituted, the name of every elector now on the Electoral Roll for the Waikato District, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situated on the east side of the Waikato River, shall be placed on a new roll for the said Waikato District, and the name of every elector now on the roll for the said Waikato District, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situate on the west side of the Waikato River, shall be placed on a roll for the said Waipa District.

Dunstan, Waikaia,
Wakatipu, Port
Chalmers, Roslyn,
Taieri, Grey Valley,
Buller, and Colling-
wood Districts
re-defined.

9. That portion of the substituted Schedule to the said Acts describing the boundaries of the Dunstan, Waikaia, Wakatipu, Port Chalmers, Roslyn, Taieri, Grey Valley, Buller, and Collingwood Electoral Districts, is hereby repealed, and the districts defined in the Schedule hereto shall be the Dunstan, Waikaia, Wakatipu, Port Chalmers, Roslyn, Taieri, Grey Valley, Buller, and Collingwood Districts respectively.

Rolls for the Electoral
Districts as existing
immediately before
this Act to remain in
force.

10. Except as provided by this Act, the Electoral Rolls which under the provisions of “The Registration of Electors Act, 1866,” came into operation on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, for the Electoral Districts for the election of

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Members of the said House, as such districts were constituted immediately before the passing of this Act, shall remain in full force and operation.

11. Immediately after the passing of this Act officers to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose shall form new Electoral Rolls for the Electoral Districts constituted under this Act.

New rolls to be formed for altered districts.

12. Except as hereinbefore provided for the purpose of forming such new Electoral Rolls, the name of every elector registered on any roll which, under the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," is in force on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situate within any of the Electoral Districts as constituted immediately before the passing of this Act, shall be placed on the new Electoral Roll or Rolls of the Electoral Districts constituted under this Act in which the lands or tenements in respect of which he is so registered are situate: Provided that if any elector on the former rolls be registered in respect of lands or tenements situate in two or more of the districts constituted, under this Act, the Registration Officer may in forming the new rolls omit the name of such elector from the roll of either one or more of the new Electoral Districts within which such elector may not appear to the Registration Officer to have a sufficient electoral qualification.

Mode of forming new rolls.

13. Upon such new Electoral Rolls being so formed as aforesaid, the same shall forthwith be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, and shall be published in such convenient manner as the Governor shall direct, and from the day of such publication the Electoral Roll formed for each district shall be the Electoral Roll to be used for such district for all purposes, until a revised Electoral Roll for the same shall be in force under the provisions of the law for the time being in force for the registration of electors.

Publication and effect of rolls.

14. Writs shall be issued for the election of Members of the House of Representatives in the ensuing Parliament for all the Electoral Districts constituted under the said Acts and this Act so soon as the new rolls shall have been formed and published, as hereinbefore provided.

Time of issue of writs.

15. Provided always that, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, if it shall appear to the Governor to be necessary to summon a Parliament before new Electoral Rolls for the Electoral Districts constituted by this Act, for which new rolls are to be formed, shall have been formed and published as hereinbefore provided, it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to issue writs for the election of members of the House of Representatives in like manner as if this Act had not been passed, and in such case no election shall take place under this Act (except such as shall take place under this present provision) until after the dissolution or expiration of the Parliament next succeeding this present Parliament, and in that case the Governor shall, immediately upon such expiration or dissolution, appoint such officers as are mentioned in the eleventh section of this Act, and also, in that case, the rolls in force under "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," at the time of such expiration or dissolution, shall be the rolls from which such officers shall form such new rolls.

If necessary, Governor may issue writs for a new Parliament without reference to this Act.

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SCHEDULE.

DUNSTAN DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

THIS district is bounded towards the North-east and East by the Waitaki District, from the source of the Pass Burn to the summit of Mount St. Bathans, thence by the eastern and part of the southern boundary of Run No. 237 to Lauder Creek, thence by the north-eastern boundaries of Runs Nos. 223, 244, and 261, and part of the eastern boundary of the last-mentioned run to the summit of North Roughridge Hill, thence by a right line to the summit of South Roughridge Hill, thence by the summit of the western watershed of the Upper Taieri River, and a right line to the eastern corner of Run No. 199; thence towards the West by right lines from peak to peak along the summit of Knobby Range to a point due east of Rocky Mount; thence towards the South by a line due west to Rocky Mount, thence by a right line to Lorn Peak; thence towards the West by right lines from peak to peak along the summit of the Hector Mountains to Double Cone; thence on the North and North-west by lines bearing easterly along the summit of the ranges from Double Cone to the junction of the Nevis and Kawarau Rivers, thence by the Kawarau River to its junction with the Kirtleburn, thence by the Kirtleburn and a line bearing east 23° north to the summit of Mount Pisa, thence by a right line to the junction of the Lindis Burn and the Clutha River, and thence by the Lindis Burn and Pass Burn to the commencing point.

WAIKALA DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the North by the Dunstan District; towards the East by the Dunstan, Mount Ida, and Tuapeka Districts; towards the South by the Clutha District; towards the West by part of the eastern boundary of the Tuturau Hundred to the Mataura River, and by the Mataura River; towards the North-west by the Wakatipu District, from the Mataura River to Lorn Peak.

WAKATIPU DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the North by the southern boundary of the Canterbury Province; towards the East and South-east by the western boundary of the Waitaki District to the source of the Pass Burn, thence by the north-western and western boundaries of the Dunstan District, from the source of the Pass Burn to Lorn Peak, thence by the summit of the Hector Mountains and a right line south-west to the Mataura River; thence towards the South-west and West by the Mataura River to the summit of Eyre Peak, thence by the summit of the southern watershed of Lake Wakatipu to Hummuck Peak, thence by a right line to Mount Campbell, thence by the summit of the Thomson Mountains to Round Peaks; thence towards the South by a right line to Moffat Peak, and thence by a right line to the head of Caswell Sound, and by the north shore of Caswell Sound to the sea; and towards the North-west by the sea.

PORT CHALMERS DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the North by the Waikouaiti District and by the sea; towards the South-east by the Otago Harbour; towards the South-west and West, and again towards the South, by the Roslyn District, hereinafter described; and again towards the West by the western boundary of the North Harbour and Blueskin Survey District to the south-western angle of Block I., Waikouaiti Survey District, the commencing point.

ROSLYN DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the North and West by the northern boundary of the Waikari Survey District, from the north-western corner of section 41 to the Whau Flat and Flagstaff Hill Road, and by the said road; towards the North by the northern boundary of Sections 12 and 3, Block V., Dunedin and East Taieri Survey Districts, and by a right line in continuation thereof to a point due north of the northern corner of Block XI. of the North Harbour and Blueskin Survey District; thence towards the East and North-east by a right line drawn due south to the northern corner of the said Block XI., and by the north-eastern boundary of the said Block XI., extended to the harbour; towards the South and East by Otago Harbour and by the City of Dunedin District; again towards the South by the Main South Road to Section No. 45, Block VI., Town Survey District; towards the West by the eastern boundary of that section, and the eastern boundary of the Lower Kaikorai Survey District to the Kaikorai Stream; again towards the South by that stream, and a line being the production of and forming the northern boundary of Section No. 160, Waikari Survey District; and again towards the West by the western boundary of the last-mentioned survey district to the north-western corner of the same, the commencing point.

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This district is bounded towards the North by the Mount Ida and Waikouaiti Districts; towards the East and South-east by the Port Chalmers, Roslyn, and Caversham Districts, and by the sea to the mouth of the Taieri River; towards the South-west by the Taieri River, the eastern and northern shores of Lake Waipori and the Meggat Burn, to the boundary of the hundreds; towards the North-west by the boundary of the hundreds to Maungatua; and thence again towards the South-west by the summit of the northern watershed of the Waipori River to Lammerlaw Peak.

GREY VALLEY DISTRICT.—TWO MEMBERS.

This district is bounded towards the North by a right line due east from Razorback Point to the summit of the Paparoa Mountains; thence towards the North-west by right lines from peak to peak along the summit of the said mountains to the Buckland Peaks; thence again towards the North by a right line to the junction of the Colin or Awarua River with the Inangahua River, thence by a right line due east to the summit of the Brunner Mountains; towards the East by right lines from peak to peak along the summit of the Brunner and Victoria Mountains to Mount Haast; thence towards the North-east by a right line through Lake Christabel to the boundary of the Cheviot District; towards the South-east by the Cheviot District to the saddle between the Hurunui and Teremakau Rivers; towards the South by the north bank of the Teremakau River to the sea; and again towards the North-west by the sea to Razorback Point.

BULLER DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the North-east by the Collingwood District, hereafter defined; towards the South-east by the Waimea and Grey Valley Districts; towards the South by the Grey Valley District; and towards the North-west by the sea.

COLLINGWOOD DISTRICT.—ONE MEMBER.

This district is bounded towards the East by the Motueka District; towards the South-west by a right line from the summit of Mount Arthur to Kohaihai Bluff; and towards the West and North by the sea.

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