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Title.

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Persons qualified to Vote at Elections of Members of the House of Representatives.

[19th August, 1858.]

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

Governor to appoint Registration Officers.

I. As soon as conveniently may be, after this Act shall come into operation, the Governor shall, by warrant under his hand, appoint a Registration Officer for each of the Electoral Districts within the Colony, for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives; and may from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, remove any Registration Officer, and fill up any vacancy that may at any time occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, in the Office of Registration Officer for any Electoral District.

Registration Officer to make up Lists for revision.

II. It shall be the duty of the Registration Officer for every Electoral District annually to make up, in manner hereinafter prescribed, a List of all persons entitled or claiming to vote in the election of Members of the House of Representatives for such District; which Lists are hereinafter referred to as the Lists of Voters, and shall be revised in manner hereinafter provided.

Claims to Franchise how to be made.

III. Every duly qualified person desirous of having his name placed on any Electoral Roll, or of having any addition or alteration made to or in the statement of his qualification upon any such Roll, may make a claim for that purpose, in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule to this Act, or to the like effect.

Declaration to be made before a Justice of the Peace.

IV. Every such claim shall have thereunder printed or written, or thereon endorsed, a Declaration according to the form numbered 2, in the said Schedule, which Declaration shall be signed, and the truth thereof declared to by the Claimant, before a Justice of the Peace, or the Registration Officer, who shall attest the same accordingly without fee; and every person who knowingly and wilfully shall make a false declaration shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding £20, to be recovered in a summary way, before a Resident Magistrate together with any one or more Justices of the Peace: Provided always, that when any person shall have more qualifications than one stated on the Roll, the several qualifications shall be numbered.

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V. No such claim and declaration shall be received, unless it be given to the Registration Officer of the Electoral District in respect of which such claim shall be made, in the month of March in the year in which it is preferred.

Claims and declaration, to be given to Registration Officer in March.

VI. In the first week of the month of April in every year, the Registration Officer of each Electoral District, shall make an alphabetical List of the names of all those persons who shall, during the preceding month, have preferred claims as aforesaid, together with the particulars of their places of abode, and qualifications, as set forth in their respective claims; and shall forthwith cause such List to be published, twice, in one or two Newspapers, published within the Electoral District for which such List shall be made, and if there be no such Newspaper, then in one or two Newspapers published at the Capital Town of the Province, in which such Electoral District shall be situate, or at such other place as such Registration Officer shall deem best adapted to give full publicity to the same.

Alphabetical list of claims to be made out and published.

VII. In every District the Electoral Roll, for the time being, together with the List of Claimants (if any) to be made out and published as aforesaid, shall together constitute the List of Voters for revision; subject nevertheless to the special provision hereinafter contained respecting the formation of the first Lists of Voters for revision under this Act.

List of Claimants and Electoral Roll to be list of voters for revision.

VIII. It shall be lawful for any person whose name appears on any List of Voters for revision, to object in any year to the right of any other person to have his name retained or placed on the Electoral Roll to be formed from such List by giving to the Registration Officer in the month of April in such year a written or printed notice in the form numbered 3 in the said Schedule, or to the like effect.

Objections may be made.

IX. If any person whose name shall be on any such List of Voters, shall be desirous of having his name removed therefrom, or any of his qualifications therein stated struck out, he shall in the month of April, give notice in writing (to be signed by him, in the presence of and attested by a Justice of the Peace), in the form or to the effect of the form numbered 4, in the said Schedule, to the Registration Officer of the District, and the said Registration Officer shall strike the name of such person out of the said List, or shall strike out such qualification as he shall desire to have omitted, accordingly.

Any person desirous of having his name omitted to give notice signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace.

X. The Registration Officer shall within the first 7 days of the month of May, make out an alphabetical List, in the form numbered 5 in the said Schedule, of all persons objected to as aforesaid, and if he shall have reasonable cause to believe that any person whose name shall be on the said List of Voters is dead, or from any cause whatever is not entitled to be on the Electoral Roll, in respect of any qualification stated in such List, and is not objected to, he shall insert the name of such person in the list of persons so objected to, and shall affix his name as the objector thereto.

List of persons objected to to be made out.

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And to be published.

XI. The Registration Officer shall forthwith cause such List to be posted in some public and conspicuous situation within the District, and to be published in like manner as is provided with respect to Lists of Claimants by the sixth section of this Act, and shall to such List add a notice stating that such objections will be heard by the Revising Officer appointed for that purpose.

List of persons omitted at their own request to be published.

XII. The Registration Officer shall also publish at the same time, and in the same manner, an alphabetical List in the form numbered 6 in the said Schedule, of all persons whose names shall have been removed from the List of Voters as provided by the ninth section of this Act.

Penalty for destroying posted Lists.

XIII. Every person who shall wilfully destroy, remove, deface, or otherwise injure, or interfere with any notice, list, or other document posted for the purpose of publication under the provisions of this Act, during the period for which the same is hereinbefore required to remain so posted, shall for every such offence forfeit any sum not exceeding £20, nor less than 40s., to any person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in a summary way, before any two Justices of the Peace.

Lists not invalidated by imperfect publication.

XIV. No list shall be invalidated by reason that it shall not be published in such manner, in every place, and for the full time hereinbefore required for publication thereof, nor by reason of any error in the copying or printing of the same, but the Revising Officer shall proceed to revise and adjudicate upon every such List which shall have been published in any manner and for any part of the time hereinbefore mentioned in that behalf: Provided that nothing herein contained be construed to exempt the Registration Officer, or other person charged with the duty of publishing any such List as aforesaid from the penalties, and other consequences of his neglect, or wilful default.

If no list made out or published former list to be in force.

XV. In case no List of voters shall have been made out for any Electoral District in any year, or in case such List shall not have been published as hereinbefore mentioned in that behalf, the Electoral Roll for such District then in force shall be taken to be the List of voters, for the purposes of revision, for such District for the year then next ensuing, and the provisions herein contained respecting any such List of voters, shall be taken to apply to such Electoral Roll as aforesaid.

Appointment of Revising Officers.

XVI. The Governor shall, in or about the month of April in every year, appoint so many competent persons as he may deem necessary who shall be called Revising Officers, to revise the lists of voters for that year in the several Electoral Districts of the Colony: Provided always, that no member of the House of Representatives, nor any Superintendent, nor any Member of any Provincial Council, shall be appointed a Revising Officer; and that no Revising Officer shall for two years after his appointment be eligible to be elected as a Member of the House of Representatives for any Electoral District for which he shall have been so appointed, nor as Superintendent of the Province in which any such Electoral District shall be situate, nor as a Member of any Provincial Council for any such District, or any District wholly or partially included therein.

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XVII. Each of such Revising Officers shall forthwith after his appointment take the following Oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court, or some person appointed by the Governor to administer the same, viz :

Oath to be taken by Revising Officer.

“ I (A. B.) do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear,
 “ that I will, to the best of my ability, perform my duty
 “ as a Revising Officer appointed under the provisions
 “ of ‘ The Registration of Electors Act 1858,’ without
 “ fear, favor, or malice. So help me God.”

XVIII. Every Revising Officer shall, as early as conveniently may be after his appointment, notify the same to the Registration Officers of the several Electoral Districts for which he shall have been appointed, and every such Registration Officer shall, on or about the 10th day of May, transmit to such Revising Officer the List of Voters for revision, together with an authentic copy of the Lists to be published in pursuance of the eleventh and twelfth sections respectively of this Act, and all the original claims and declarations and notices of objection which such Registration Officer shall have received.

Revising Officer to notify his appointment, and Registration Officer to transmit Lists &c.

XIX. The Revising Officer appointed to revise the List of Voters for any Electoral District shall hold an open Court for that purpose at such times and places, either within or without such District, or both, as he may think fit, between the 1st day of June and the 1st day of August in every year, and he shall give at least 15 days notice in one or more Newspapers, as the Revising Officer shall deem best adapted to give full publicity to the same, of the time and place of holding any Court, and specifying as nearly as may be the business to be transacted thereat.

Revising Officer to hold Courts.

XX. The Revising Officer shall insert in the List of Voters for any Electoral District the name and particulars of abode and qualification of every person omitted, who shall be proved to the satisfaction of such Revising Officer to have given due notice of his claim to be inserted in such List, and to have been entitled on the last day of April then next preceding to have his name inserted therein in respect of the qualification described in such notice of claim.

Names omitted may be inserted.

XXI. It shall be lawful for any person whose name shall be on the List of Voters for any Electoral District, without any previous notice to oppose the claim of any person so omitted as aforesaid to have his name inserted on the Electoral Roll for such District.

Any person on list may object to such insertion.

XXII. The Revising Officer shall correct any mistake which shall be proved to him to have been made in any List of Voters, and shall expunge, whether objected to or not, the name of every person whose qualification, as stated in such list, shall be insufficient in law to entitle such person to vote, and also any of several qualifications of any one person which as stated in such List shall be insufficient as aforesaid, and also the name of every

Corrections may be made in list of Voters.

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person proved to him to be dead, and also every name which shall be proved to him to be fictitious; and wherever the Christian name, or the place of abode, or the nature of the qualification, or the local or other description of the property of any person who shall be included in any such List of Voters, shall be wholly omitted in any case where the same is by this Act directed to be specified therein, or wherever any person whose name is included in any such List, or his place of abode, or the nature or description of his qualification, shall in the judgment of the Revising Officer, be insufficiently described for the purpose of being identified, such Revising Officer shall expunge the name of every such person from such List of Voters, unless the matter so omitted or insufficiently described be supplied to the satisfaction of such Revising Officer before he shall have completed the revision of such List of Voters: Provided always that whether any person be objected to or not, no evidence shall be given (except as provided in the twenty-fifth section of this Act,) of any other qualification than that which is described in the List of Voters or claims, nor shall the Revising Officer be at liberty to change the description of the qualification as it appears in the said List, except for the purpose of more clearly or accurately defining the same.

Mode of proceeding in cases of objection.

XXIII. Where any person shall have been objected to as hereinbefore provided, and the person objecting (except the Registration Officer) shall appear in person, or by some one authorised in writing on his behalf, in support of such objection, the Revising Officer shall then require it to be proved that the person so objected to was entitled on the last day of April then next preceding to have his name inserted in the List of Voters in respect of the qualification objected to as described in such List, and in case the same shall not be so proved to the satisfaction of such Revising Officer, or in case it shall be proved that such person was then incapacitated by any law from voting at an Election, such Revising Officer shall expunge the name of every such person from the said Lists of Voters, or shall expunge the qualification objected to, as the case may require.

Personal attendance of person objected to not compulsory.

XXIV. No person who shall have been objected to, shall be compelled to appear in person to make proof of the nature and sufficiency of his qualification, unless summoned to attend by the Revising Officer.

Provision in certain cases of change of abode.

XXV. Where any person whose name appears on any list of Voters for any District in respect of a household qualification, shall be objected to on the ground of having changed his place of abode, or having ceased to occupy the particular tenement in respect of which his name appears on such List, without having sent in a fresh notice of claim, the Revising Officer shall retain the name of such person on the List of Voters, provided that such person or some one on his behalf shall prove that he possessed a household qualification on the last day of April then next preceding, and shall also supply his true place of abode, and the particulars of his qualification, which the said Revising Officer shall insert in such List.

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XXVI. Every Revising Officer holding any Court under this Act shall, 21 days before the sitting of the Court, and during the sittings, and during any adjournment thereof, have power to summon any necessary Witness to attend at such Court, and any person who shall be duly summoned, and shall neglect or refuse to attend without a reasonable excuse shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20, to be recovered in a summary way before two Justices of the Peace : Provided always that it shall not be compulsory on any person so summoned to attend unless a reasonable sum for travelling expenses shall be first paid or tendered to him.

Revising Officer may summon Witnesses.

Penalty for non-attendance.

XXVII. Every Revising Officer shall have power to administer an Oath to all persons examined before him, and all parties, whether claiming, or objecting or objected to, and all other persons whatsoever, may be examined on Oath touching the matters in question ; and every person taking any Oath under this Act who shall wilfully swear falsely shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Revising Officer may administer Oath.

XXVIII. Every Revising Officer holding any Court under this Act shall have power to adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place, either within or without the Electoral District in respect of which such Court is held, but so that no such adjourned Court shall be held after the last day of July in any year.

Power to adjourn Court.

XXIX. Every Revising Officer, in open Court, shall finally determine upon the validity of all claims and objections, shall give his decision, shall also write his initials against the names respectively expunged or inserted, and against any part of the said Lists in which any omission or mistake shall have been corrected, or any omission supplied, or any omission or insertion made by him, and shall sign his name to every page of the lists so settled.

Revising Officer shall determine in open Court.

XXX. The List of Voters for each Electoral District so signed shall be forthwith transmitted by the Revising Officer to the Returning Officer thereof, and the said Returning Officer shall forthwith cause the said Lists to be written or printed in a convenient form, arranged with the names in alphabetical order according to the surnames, and shall in the said Lists prefix to every name its proper number, beginning the numbers from the first name and continuing them in a regular series down to the last name.

List of Voters to be delivered by Revising Officer to Returning Officer.

XXXI. Provided always, that whenever the Electoral Roll of the previous year shall have been printed and the alterations required are not so numerous or important as to render it in his opinion necessary to reprint the same, it shall be lawful for the Returning Officer to cause the necessary corrections to be made in the printed copies for such previous year in a clear intelligible form, and any new names to be added shall be printed separately and numbered consecutively from one upwards, and such Roll of the previous year with such corrections and additions, shall for all purposes be deemed the same as though it had been written or printed as hereinbefore provided.

If alterations not numerous Roll of former year with corrections and additions to be Electoral Roll.

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Returning Officer to examine copies and sign sufficient number for persons to take the poll at all the polling places.

XXXII. The Returning Officer shall carefully examine the written or printed copies with the original Lists so signed as aforesaid, and such copies being made strictly accurate shall sign three copies, one for his own use, one for the use of the Registration Officer, and the third for transmission as hereinafter provided, and shall also sign a sufficient number of accurate copies, so that at any election there may be a signed copy for the use of the person who shall take the Poll at each Polling place for the Electoral District to which the same relates.

Copy to be kept by Returning Officer to be Electoral Roll from the last day of September to first day of October in succeeding year.

XXXIII. The said Copy so to be signed and kept by the Returning Officer for his own use, shall be the Electoral Roll of persons entitled to vote at any Election which shall take place for the same Electoral District between the last day of September in the year wherein such Electoral Roll shall have been made, and the first day of October in the next succeeding year but one, and in case the same shall be lost or mislaid, the Copy to be transmitted as hereinbefore provided, shall bedeeded the Electoral Roll for such purpose.

Copies to be kept for sale.

XXXIV. Every Returning Officer shall keep or cause to be kept at some convenient place copies of the Electoral Roll for the Electoral District in respect of which he is Returning Officer, and a copy of such Roll shall be delivered to any person applying for the same upon payment of a price after the rate contained in the Table numbered 8 in the said Schedule.

Original Lists and copies to be sent to Colonial Secretary.

XXXV. The Returning Officer of each Electoral District having completed the Roll as hereinbefore provided, shall forthwith transmit to the Colonial Secretary the original Lists as signed by the Revising Officer, together with the triplicate copy of the Electoral Roll as hereinbefore provided, and three of the copies thereof, which shall have been prepared for sale as hereinbefore provided.

Revising Officers may give costs in certain cases.

XXXVI. If in any case it shall appear to any Revising Officer that any person under this Act has made, or attempted to sustain, any groundless or frivolous and vexatious claim or objection to have any name inserted or retained in any List of Voters it shall be lawful for the said Revising Officer in his discretion to make such order as he shall think fit for the payment by such person of the costs or of any part of the costs of any person or persons in resisting such claim or objection; and in every such case the said Revising Officer shall make an order in writing, specifying the amount, which he shall order to be paid for such costs, and by and to whom, and when and where the same shall be paid, and shall date and sign the said order, and deliver it to the person to whom the said sum shall therein be ordered to be paid: Provided always, that the sum so ordered to be paid by way of costs shall not in any case exceed the sum of £10. Provided also, that no such order shall be made against any Registration Officer. Provided further, that no Writ or process for removal of any such order or of any warrant issued in respect of the same into the Supreme Court of New Zealand shall be allowed or granted.

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XXXVII. Such order for the payment of costs as aforesaid, may be made in any case, notwithstanding any party shall have given notice of his intention to appeal against any decision of the Revising Officer in the same case; but in case of such appeal, the said order for the payment of costs shall be suspended, and shall abide the event of such appeal, unless the Court of Appeal shall otherwise direct; but no appeal shall be entertained against, or only in respect of, any such order for the payment of costs: Provided always, that whenever any Revising Officer shall have made any such order for the payment of any sum of money for costs by any person who shall have made any objection as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for the said Revising Officer to hear or admit proof of any other objection or notice of objection made or signed by the same person, until the sum of money, so ordered to be paid by him for costs, be paid to the person entitled to receive the same, or, in case of notice of appeal, until the said sum shall have been deposited in the hands of the Revising Officer to abide the event of such appeal.

Order for costs may be given notwithstanding appeal, but payment suspended.

No further objection by the same party to be heard till costs paid or deposited.

XXXVIII. In case any sum of money, directed by the order of any Revising Officer to be paid by any person for costs, shall not be paid according to the terms of such order, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, and he is hereby required, upon proof before him that a true copy of the said order has been served upon, or left at the usual or last known place of abode in New Zealand of the person in the said order directed to pay such sum, and that the said sum has been demanded of such person, either personally or at such place of abode and that he has refused or neglected to pay the same, to order, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, the said sum of money, together with the reasonable costs attending the said Warrant, to be fixed by such Justice, to be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such person so making default, which may be found within the jurisdiction of the said Justice, and the overplus (if any) after the said sum of money and costs and the charges of such distress and sale are deducted, shall be paid on demand to the owner of the said goods and chattels: Provided always, in case it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Justice that the person against whom any such Warrant is applied for, has not sufficient goods and chattels to satisfy such levy, or if upon the return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient distress can be had, it shall be lawful for such Justice of the Peace, by Warrant, to commit such person to some gaol for any time not exceeding two months.

Costs to be recovered by distress and sale, and in default thereof imprisonment.

XXXIX. It shall be lawful for any person who, under the provisions hereinbefore contained, shall have made any claim to have his name inserted in any List, or made any objection to any other person as not entitled to have his name inserted in any List, or whose name shall have been expunged from any List, and who in any case shall be aggrieved by, or dissatisfied with, any decision of any Revising Officer on any point of Law, material to the result of such case, either himself or by some person on his behalf, to give to the Revising Officer in Court, before the

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rising of the Court on the same day on which such decision shall have been pronounced, or on the following day, if the Court shall be sitting on such following day, a notice in writing that he is desirous to appeal, and in such notice he shall shortly state the decision against which he desires to appeal.

No appeal on question of fact or admissibility of evidence.

XL. No appeal, or notice of appeal, shall be received or allowed against any decision of any Revising Officer, upon any question of fact only, or upon the admissibility or effect of any evidence adduced or tendered in any case to establish any matter of fact only.

Revising Officer to state case.

XLI. Upon receiving such notice of appeal as aforesaid, the Revising Officer shall state in writing the facts which, according to his judgment, shall have been established by the evidence in the case, and which shall be material to the matter in question, and shall also state in writing his decision upon the whole case, and upon the point of law in question appealed against; and the said Revising Officer shall read the said statement to the appellant, in open Court, and shall then and there sign the same and the said appellant, or some one on his behalf, authorised in writing for that purpose, shall, at the end of the said statement, make a declaration, in writing under his hand, to the following effect, "I appeal from that decision." and the Revising Officer shall then indorse upon such statement the name of the Electoral District to which the same shall relate, and the Christian and surname and place of abode of the appellant, and shall sign and date such indorsement; the said statement shall be sent by the said Revising Officer to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the Province within which such Electoral District is situate.

Appeals to be determined by a Judge of Supreme Court.

XLII. All appeals or matters of appeal, from or in respect of any decision of any Revising Officer, entertained in manner hereinbefore mentioned, shall be determined by a Judge of the Supreme Court in such manner and form, and subject to such rules and regulations, as the Judge of any Judicial District shall from time to time, by any rule or order made for regulating the practice and proceedings in such appeals, order and direct in respect of such Judicial District: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any Judge to determine any such matter of appeal without any argument in open Court, or to direct an argument in open Court, if he shall think fit; and in such latter case, he shall cause notice to be given by the Registrar or Deputy Registrar to the persons who shall, in his opinion, be the proper parties to the appeal, to appear on a day and at a place to be fixed by the said Judge for that purpose: Provided always, that if both or either of the parties shall neglect to attend, it shall be lawful for the said Judge to determine the said appeal in their or his absence.

Judge may remit statement of matter of appeal to be amended.

XLIII. If any Judge of the Supreme Court shall be of opinion in any case that the statement of the matter of the ap-

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peal is not sufficient to enable him to give judgment in law, it shall be lawful for such Judge to remit the said statement to the Revising Officer by whom it shall have been signed, in order that the case may be more fully stated.

XLIV. Whenever, by any judgment or order of a Judge of the Supreme Court, any decision or order of any Revising Officer shall be reversed or altered, upon appeal as aforesaid, so as to require any alteration or correction of the Electoral Roll for any Electoral District, notice of the said judgment or order of the said Judge shall be forthwith given, under the hand of the said Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, to the Returning Officer, or other person having the lawful custody of the Electoral Roll, specifying exactly every alteration or correction to be made in the Electoral Roll, in pursuance of the said judgment or order, and such Returning Officer, or other person, shall forthwith, upon receipt of the said notice, alter and correct the said Electoral Roll accordingly, and shall sign his name against every such alteration or correction in the said Electoral Roll, and shall safely keep, with the Electoral Roll, every such notice received by him from the Registrar of the Supreme Court; and shall also transmit to the Colonial Secretary and Registration Officer, respectively, an accurate copy of such notice, in order that the necessary alteration or correction may be made in the Rolls so transmitted to them as aforesaid.

If decision of Revising Officer altered correction to be made in Electoral Roll accordingly.

XLV. Every such alteration, or correction, in an Electoral Roll, shall have the like force and effect at, and from the time of making the same, as though the same had been duly made as an original entry, or duly omitted in making up the Electoral Roll under this Act, and the several copies for the persons who shall take the Poll, and also those which shall be for sale, shall be corrected or altered accordingly.

Force and effect of alteration.

XLVI. No right of voting at any election shall be affected by any appeal pending, but it shall be lawful for every person to exercise the right of voting at such Election as effectually as if no such appeal was pending; and the subsequent decision of any appeal pending, shall not in any way, alter or affect the Poll taken at such Election, or the return made thereat by the Returning Officer.

Appeal pending not to affect right of voting.

XLVII. It shall be lawful for the Judge who shall determine any appeal, to make any order respecting the payment of the costs of the same, or any part thereof, as to him shall seem meet.

Judge may give costs in appeal.

XLVIII. Every Public Officer, or other person required by this Act to do any matter or thing, shall for every wilful misfeasance, or wilful act of commission or omission contrary to this Act, forfeit to any party aggrieved, the penal sum of £100, or such less sum as the Jury before whom may be tried any

Wilful misfeasance, &c., punishable by penalty of £100, to be recovered by party aggrieved.

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action to be brought for the recovery of the before mentioned sum shall consider just, to be recovered by such party, with full costs of suit, by action in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of New Zealand, and the sum so recovered shall be in full for all damages for such misfeasance, or act of commission or omission.

Remuneration to persons employed to carry this Act into operation to be fixed by Governor.

XLIX. It shall be lawful for the Governor to fix from time to time the remuneration by way of salary or otherwise, which shall be paid to the several persons who shall be employed as Registration Officers, Revising Officers, or Returning Officers, or in any other capacity, for the purpose of carrying this Act into execution, and such remuneration shall be payable and paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of such sums as shall from time to time be appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose.

Offices of Registration Officer, Revising Officer, and Returning Officer may be held by same person.

L. The several Offices of Registration Officer, Revising Officer, and Returning Officer, or any two of such Offices may be held and exercised by one and the same person at the same time, anything herein contained or implied to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provision as to service of notices.

LI. Whenever any notice, claim, or declaration, is required to be given under this Act to any Public Officer or other person, it shall be sufficient if such notice, claim, or declaration, shall be delivered personally to such Public Officer or other person, or shall be left at his usual place of abode, or office, or other place for transacting business in New Zealand, and no such notice, claim, or declaration, shall be valid unless given before four o'clock, p.m., on the last day appointed for giving the same.

Misnomer, &c., not to vitiate.

LII. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place, or thing named or described in any List of Voters or Electoral Roll, or in any notice required by this Act, shall in anywise prevent or abridge the operation of this Act with respect to such person, place, or thing, provided that such person, place or thing, shall be so designated in such List, Roll, or Notice, as to be commonly understood.

Governor may delegate powers.

LIII. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to delegate to any person the performance of any act or thing which by this Act he is empowered or required to do, and any such delegation at any time to revoke.

If Roll for any year not completed, Roll of preceding year to be in force.

LIV. Provided always that in case any Electoral Roll for any District shall not, from any cause whatever, be made out and completed for any year, as prescribed by this Act, the Electoral Roll for that District for the year preceding shall be in force for the year for which a Roll shall not have been made out and completed as aforesaid.

Mode of forming first List of Voters.

LV. For the purpose of forming the first Lists of Voters for revision under this Act the Registration Officer of every

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Electoral District shall in the month of February next make out to the best of his knowledge and ability, according to the form numbered 7 in the Schedule to this Act an alphabetical List of all persons who may appear to be entitled to vote at Elections of Members of the House of Representatives for such District, by omitting from the Electoral Roll now in force the names of all such persons as he may find not to be entitled to be thereon as Electors, and adding thereto the names of all such persons as may appear to him to possess a *bonâ fide* qualification, and shall cause written or printed copies of such List to be published during the first fourteen days of the month of March next, by posting the same in some conspicuous place in the District, and shall likewise during the same time keep a copy thereof to be perused or copied by any person without payment of any fee at any time between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of every day except Sundays; and the List so made out shall in lieu of the present Electoral Rolls, together with the Lists of Claimants to be made out and published as aforesaid, constitute the first Lists of Voters for revision under this Act.

Extension of time granted.

LVI. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Registration of Electors Act, 1858." Short Title.

SCHEDULES,

FORM No. 1.

To the Registration Officer of the Electoral District of

I hereby give you notice that I claim to have my Name inserted in the List of Voters for the Electoral District of _____, and that the particulars of my place of Abode and Qualification are stated in the columns below.

(Signed)

C. D.

Christian Name and Surname of the Claimant at full length.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Place where Property situate, and name, or description of same.

FORM No. 2.

I, the above named C. D., do hereby declare that the particulars of my abode and qualification as stated or referred to in my notice of claim above (*or within*) written, in the (*above or within*) columns, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed and declared to at
 this _____ day of _____
 in the year 18 _____

Before me. E. F.,

J. P.
 or Registration Officer.

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FORM No. 3.

To the Registration Officer of the Electoral District of

I hereby give you notice that I object to the name of the person mentioned and described below being retained on the List of Voters for the Electoral District of _____, in respect of the qualification hereunder specified.

Christian Name and Surname of the person objected to, as described in the List, or Electoral Roll.	Place of abode as described therein.	Nature of Qualification objected to as described therein.	Ground of objection concisely stated.

Dated the _____ day of _____ G. H. _____ in the year 18 ____ .
(Place of abode.)

FORM No. 4.

To the Registration Officer of the Electoral District of

I hereby give you notice that I am desirous of having my name (or my qualification hereunder stated) omitted from the (*Electoral Roll or List of Claimants*), for the Electoral District of _____

and that the particulars of my Place of Abode and Qualification are stated in the said (*Electoral Roll or List of Claimants*) as follows :

Christian Name and Surname as stated in Electoral Roll or List of Claimants.	Place of abode as therein stated	Nature of Qualification as therein stated.	Place where Property situate, and name or description of same as therein stated.

Signed by the above-named J. K. in the presence of
J. K.
L. M.,
J. P.

FORM No. 5.

The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the List of Voters for the Electoral District of _____

Christian Name and Surname of each person objected to.	Place of abode.	Nature of the supposed Qualification.	Ground of objection.	Name and place of abode of Objector.

N. O.,
Registration Officer.

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FORM No. 6.

The Names of the following Persons have been omitted from the (*Electoral Roll or List of Claimants*) for the Electoral District of _____ at their own request.

Christian Name and Surname of persons omitted as stated in Roll or List.	Place of abode as therein stated.	Nature of Qualification as therein stated.	Place where property situate, and name or description of same, as therein stated.

N. O.,
Registration Officer.

FORM No. 7.

List of Persons qualified to Vote at the Elections of Members of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of _____

Christian Name and Surname of each Elector at full length.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Place where Property situate, and description of same.

A. B.,
Registration Officer.

FORM No. 8.

For every Printed or Written Copy of any Electoral Roll containing any number of Persons names,—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 250 names	2	0
Exceeding 250 and not exceeding 500	3	0
Exceeding 500 and not exceeding 750	4	0
Exceeding 750 and not exceeding 1000	5	0
Exceeding 1000	6	0

And for every written copy, treble the above rates.