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*House of Representatives,*

*23rd November, 1907.*

*Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.*

## COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Counties Act, 1886.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Counties Act Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Counties Act, 1886 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section one hundred and forty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

Cost of main roads.

(a.) By inserting after paragraph (2) the following paragraph :—

“(2A.) In payment of the cost of constructing and maintaining all such roads within the county (not being Government or district roads) as the Council from time to time by special order declares to be main roads, and all bridges on and ferries established in connection with such roads. Any such special order may be revoked by another special order.”

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(b.) By omitting the words “main roads and” in paragraph (3), and inserting in the same paragraph, after the words “within the county,” the words “other than roads declared main roads as aforesaid.”

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(2.) The expression “the three first subsections of section one hundred and forty-five,” occurring in section one hundred and forty-nine of the principal Act, shall be taken as referring to paragraphs (1) and (2) and the said new paragraph (2A) thereof.

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3. Notwithstanding anything in section two of the Counties Act Amendment Act, 1903, a special order altering the boundaries of any riding or road district or subdivision of a road district shall, for the purpose of adjusting the representation of ridings under sec-

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tion forty-six of the principal Act, be gazetted and take effect as provided in section one hundred and twenty-five of the principal Act; but such special order shall not, for the purpose of preparing and adjusting valuation rolls, take effect before the time mentioned in the said section two.

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**Sanitation rate.**

4. (1.) Where the Council itself undertakes or contracts for the removal of house refuse, or the supply of dry earth or deodorising substances for or the cleaning of closets, privies, or cesspools not connected with any public drain, for the county or any part thereof, the Council may in respect thereof make and levy a separate rate not exceeding in any one year one halfpenny in the pound on the capital rateable value of the rateable property in the county or part thereof:

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Provided that such rate shall be levied only upon such properties as have a house or houses erected thereon.

(2.) In lieu of making any such rate the Council may levy a uniform annual charge, but so that the total proceeds thereof shall not exceed the proceeds of such rate. Such charge shall be recoverable in the same manner as if it were a rate.

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