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CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACT 1875 AMENDMENT.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Christchurch District Drainage Acts.

Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875," and "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880":

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 is "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1902." It shall form part of and be read together with "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— "The Board" means the Christchurch District Drainage Board:

Interpretation.

The "St. Albans District" and the "Linwood District" mean respectively the Boroughs of St. Albans and Linwood as constituted by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and any areas which shall at any time and from time to time be included in or excluded from such boroughs respectively by any alterations of the boundaries thereof respectively as provided by such Act.

3. So much of the First Schedule to the principal Act as refers to the boundaries of the Avon and Heathcote Districts is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment to First Schedule. of principal Act.

"All those several areas included within the boundaries of the St. Albans and Linwood Districts are hereby constituted separate

districts, the persons on the district electors' roll of each of which districts shall be entitled to elect one person to represent each of the said districts on the Board; and the said St. Albans and Linwood Districts, and the portions of the aforesaid Avon and Heathcote Districts which shall be without the boundaries of the St. Albans and Linwood Districts, shall be deemed to be districts under the provisions of the principal Act and of this Act, and in all respects as if the descriptions of the boundaries thereof were included in the First Schedule of the principal Act." 5

Repeal of section 3 of "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880."

Constitution of the Drainage Board.

4. Section three of "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:— 10

"There shall be for the district a Drainage Board, which shall consist of eleven persons, to be elected from time to time in the manner provided in the principal Act; and such Board shall be a body corporate under the name of "The Christchurch Drainage Board," with perpetual succession and a common seal, having a capacity to hold lands for all the purposes of its constitution under the said Act and any Act or Acts amending the same. 15

Repeal of such section not to affect the rights or status of the Board or its members.

5. The repeal of section three of "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1880," shall not in any way affect or be deemed to affect the rights, powers, privileges, or status of the Board, or of the members of the Board, existing at the time this Act comes into operation; and such Board may and can, after and notwithstanding the passing of this Act, carry on, complete, and execute all suits and proceedings at law or in equity, and all matters and things whatsoever initiated, begun, or contracted for before the passing of this Act; and such members shall continue and be members of the Board for the full term of time, and for the same districts, for which they were respectively elected members before the passing of this Act, notwithstanding any alteration made in such districts by this amending Act, as if the said section had not been repealed. 20 25 30

Mode of election of first member of the Board for the St. Albans and Linwood Districts.

6. The first member of the Board for the St. Albans District shall be a person on the district electors' roll of the Borough of St. Albans at the time of such election, and the first member of the Board for the Linwood District shall be a person on the district electors' roll of the Borough of Linwood at the time of such election; and such elections shall be held forthwith after the passing of this Act, and shall be made and carried out in the manner provided in the principal Act for the election of a member to fill any casual vacancy occurring in the Board. And the electors of such first member of the Board for each such district shall be all and every person or persons whose name or names shall appear on the district electors' rolls of the Boroughs of St. Albans and Linwood respectively; and the members so elected for each of such districts shall hold office until the first Tuesday in January, one thousand nine hundred and six, and shall then vacate office as such members of the Board; and all such subsequent elections of members of the Board for each of such districts shall be under and by virtue of the provisions of the principal Acts relating to members of the Board. 35 40 45 50