

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.]

House of Representatives, 29th June, 1916.

Hon. Mr. Russell.

CHRISTCHURCH RATING AGREEMENTS ENABLING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Rating on districts to be incorporated into the city.</p> | <p>3. Adoption of unimproved-value rating in incorporated districts.</p> <p>4. Councillors to remain in office.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to confer certain Powers on the Christchurch City Council. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Christchurch should be empowered, upon the union with the said city of the district or any part of the district of any local authority, to make special arrangements with such local authority regarding rating to take effect upon such union :

10 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Christchurch Rating Agreements Enabling Act, 1916. Short Title.

15 2. Where the whole or any part of the district of a local authority is about to be included in the City of Christchurch it shall be lawful, notwithstanding anything contained in the Rating Act, 1908, and the several Acts amending the same, for the local authorities of the City of Christchurch and such district to agree
20 by writing under their common seals prior to such inclusion that the rating system in force in such district shall, notwithstanding such inclusion, continue in force as to the portion of such district so included within the said city, and for such time and upon such terms and conditions as such local authorities shall so agree ; and
25 such agreement shall have effect accordingly.

3. It shall be lawful at any time after the inclusion in the said city of such district or part of a district for the ratepayers of the district or part of a district so included to adopt the system of rating on the unimproved value, and for that purpose the district
30 or part of a district so united or included shall be deemed to be a district within the meaning of the word " district " as defined in section thirty-six of the Rating Act, 1908.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section one hundred and twenty-six of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, or section
35 thirty-nine of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1908, when any adjoining district is incorporated into the city as aforesaid and included in an existing ward the Councillors of such ward shall remain in office until the next-succeeding biennial election. Councillors to remain in office.