

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
24th September, 1875.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

(*Mr. Sheehan.*)

Highway Boards Empowering (No. 2.)

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871," and "The Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1872." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend section six of "The Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871 :—" 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 shall be "The Highway Boards Empowering Act (No. 2), 1875." Short Title.

Omit Clauses 2 and 3.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the sixth section of "The Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871," contained, it shall and may be lawful to levy within any highway district, in manner provided by law, any rate not exceeding ten pounds per centum upon the annual value of any rateable property within the district, or twopence in the pound upon the value to sell of any such property. Sixth section of "Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871," amended.

3. This Act may be brought into operation in and for any province by an Act or Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of such province, and shall take effect in and for such province on and from any day which by such Act or Ordinance shall be either fixed or directed or authorized to be appointed; and except as aforesaid this Act shall have no effect or operation. Provincial Council may bring Act into force.

2. This Act shall be read and construed as part of "The Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871." Interpretation.

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3. At any meeting which shall be duly assembled within any highway district, it shall be lawful for the duly qualified persons present, after providing for the general road rate, to levy a special rate not exceeding one farthing in the pound on the value to sell, or threepence in the pound on the annual value to let, for the purpose 5 of raising funds to be applied to the lighting of the several streets and roads of the district with gas or other illuminating material.

Such special rate shall thereupon be added to the general road rate of the district, and shall be collected as if it were part thereof, but the proceeds of such special rate shall be kept to a 10 separate account in the books of the governing body of such district, and shall only be applied to and for the purposes for which the said special rate is hereby authorized to be levied.

The general road rate shall not be in any way invalidated or open to objection on the ground that, with the addition of the special 15 lighting rate, such general road rate may and shall exceed the total amount allowed to be levied as a general road rate under the existing laws, but the notices of the making and final settlement of such general rate shall state that a special lighting rate (naming the amount) is included in and forms part of such general road rate. 20