

LOCAL-OPTION EXTENSION.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Act read with "Licensing Act, 1881."</p> <p>3. Definition of "ratepayers" and "ratepayers' roll" in said Act repealed.</p> <p>4. "Ratepayers" and "ratepayers' roll" redefined.</p> <p>5. After six years from date of said Act coming into operation all existing licenses shall be subject to vote of ratepayers.</p> <p>6. Wholesale licenses after 31st December, 1884, subject to local-option clauses of said Act and this Act; and wholesale, conditional, packet, and transfer licenses shall be granted</p>	<p>only by majority of members of District Licensing Committee.</p> <p>7. After three years from date of said Act bottle licenses abolished.</p> <p>8. No license shall be granted if majority of adult residents within half a mile oppose.</p> <p>9. Fifth Schedule of said Act cancelled.</p> <p>10. Section 166 of the said Act amended.</p> <p>11. All other provisions of said Act shall be read in harmony with this Act.</p> <p>12. Committee may be fined for breach of Act. Schedules.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED.

AN ACT to further extend the Principle of Local Option, and to extend and define the Franchise in relation thereto. Title.

BE IT 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 Local-Option Extension Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read together with "The Licensing Act, 1881" (hereinafter called "the said Act"). Act read with "Licensing Act, 1881."

3. So much of section four of the said Act as defines the meaning of "ratepayers" and "ratepayers' roll" is hereby repealed. Definition of "ratepayers" and "ratepayers' roll" in said Act repealed.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Act—

(1.) "Ratepayers" includes all persons whose names appear on any ratepayers' roll as herein defined, and all women over the age of twenty-one years who have resided for a period of not less than six months within the electoral district wherein the licensing district or any part thereof is comprised, and whose names, for the purposes of the said Act and of this Act, the Electoral Registrars are hereby required to register and make up into a separate roll, entitled "The roll of women entitled to vote under 'The Licensing Act, 1881,' and 'The Local-Option Extension Act, 1884:.'"

(2.) "Ratepayers' roll" means a roll of county electors, or a burgess roll, or a ratepayers' roll, entitling the electors, burgesses, or ratepayers within a borough, riding of a county, or a road district respectively, or any ward or division thereof respectively, to vote at election of members of a Borough Council, County Council, or Road Board respectively, and includes a roll of women entitled to vote under the said Act and this Act, and a roll of electors of members of the House of Representatives.

5. At the expiry of six years from the coming into operation of the said Act, section forty-five of the said Act shall apply to all existing licenses of whatever kind, whether such licenses shall be new licenses After six years from date of said Act coming into operation all existing licenses shall be subject to vote of ratepayers.

within the meaning of the said Act, or shall have been granted in respect of premises in respect of which a license was held and was in force at the commencement of the said Act; and no publican's, New Zealand wine, accommodation, or other license or licenses shall be granted until the ratepayers shall have previously determined, in the manner provided in sections forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, and forty-nine of the said Act, and of the First Schedule of this Act, whether any of such licenses shall be granted, and, if any, then how many: Provided always that nothing in this Act shall interfere with the discretionary powers of Licensing Committees regarding renewals within the period of six years from the coming into operation of the said Act except as hereinafter provided. 5 10

Wholesale licenses after 31st December, 1884, subject to local-option clauses of said Act and this Act; and wholesale, conditional, packet, and transfer licenses shall be granted only by majority of members of District Licensing Committee.

6. All wholesale licenses for the sale of ale, beer, porter, wine, spirits, or spirituous or alcoholic liquors of whatsoever kind shall, after the thirty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, be granted, subject to the operation of the local-option clauses of the said Act and of this Act; and all wholesale, conditional, and packet licenses, and all transfers of licenses provided for in the said Act, shall be granted only upon a certificate signed by a majority of the members of the Licensing Committee of the district in which such licenses or transfers are intended to take effect. 15 20

After three years from date of said Act bottle licenses abolished.

7. At the expiration of three years from the coming into operation of the said Act "Bottle Licenses" shall be and are hereby abolished throughout the whole of the Colony of New Zealand.

No license shall be granted if majority of adult residents within half a mile oppose.

8. No license shall be granted for any premises in respect of which a license is applied for if a memorial against the granting of the same, signed at least by a majority of the adult persons residing within half a mile of the said premises, within any city, town, or municipality, and within two miles in the country districts, and whether within the same licensing district or an adjoining one, be presented to the Licensing Committee. 25 30

The genuineness of such signatures shall be verified on oath before the Licensing Committee by the person or persons in whose presence the same may have been written.

Such memorial shall be in the form contained in the Second Schedule hereto appended: Provided that such memorial shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Licensing Committee of the district seven clear days before the day appointed for the annual or other meeting at which the same is to be decided. 35

Fifth Schedule of said Act cancelled.

9. The Fifth Schedule of the said Act is hereby cancelled, and the Second Schedule of this Act shall take its place from and after the passing of this Act. 40

Section 166 of the said Act amended.

10. The words "to be consumed on the premises" in section one hundred and sixty-six of the said Act shall be and they are hereby struck out of the said section, and the said section shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be read and construed as if such words had not formed part thereof. 45

All other provisions of said Act shall be read in harmony with this Act.

11. All other provisions of the said Act shall be read and construed in harmony with this Act, and all Licensing Committees are hereby required to give effect to all decisions arrived at by the ratepayers, and any certificate or license granted or issued in disobedience to any such decision shall be void. 50

12. Any Committee, or member or members of such Committee, committing a breach of the said Act or of this Act, either by failure or otherwise, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than *one* nor more than *five* pounds, such penalty to be recovered in a summary way by any ratepayer before two Justices of the Peace.

Committee may be fined for breach of Act.

SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF VOTING PAPER.

PROPOSAL that publicans', or New Zealand wine, or accommodation licenses in the district may or may not be allowed, and, if allowed, then how many.

In respect of Publicans' Licenses.

- 1. I vote that there shall be no publicans' licenses allowed in the district.
- 2. I vote that there shall be [*Here state the number*] publican's licenses allowed in the district.

In respect of New Zealand Wine Licenses.

- 1. I vote that there shall be no New Zealand wine licenses allowed in the district.
- 2. I vote that there shall be [*Here state the number*] New Zealand wine licenses allowed in the district.

In respect of Accommodation Licenses.

- 1. I vote that there shall be no accommodation licenses allowed in the district.
- 2. I vote that there shall be [*Here state the number*] accommodation licenses allowed in the district.

DIRECTIONS.

In each of the foregoing cases the voter is to strike out the proposition for which he does not intend to vote by drawing a line through the same with a pencil.

He must be careful not to leave uncanceled more than one proposition in each case; and, in the case of the second proposition, he must insert the number of licenses to be allowed, otherwise the vote in such case will be void in respect of that particular proposal.

The ballot-paper so marked by or for the voter is to be dropped by him into the ballot-box.

The voter is not permitted to take his ballot-paper out of the ballot-room or polling-booth.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

To the Licensing Committee for the District of _____, in the County of _____

WE, the undersigned adult male and female residents within the Licensing District [*or Districts*] of _____, and residing within half a mile [*if within any city, town, or municipality, or within two miles if in the country districts*] of the premises [*Describe it or them*] in respect of which a license has been applied for, do hereby request that no license shall be granted in respect of such premises.

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SIGNATURES.					
Name.		Age.	Occupation.	Date of Signature.	Place of Residence; and Street and Number, if any.
Male.	Female.				

[Signature of the Collector of Signatures.]

By Authority: GEORGE DIBSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1884.