

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING REFORM.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law with Respect to Voting in the Case of
Proposals submitted to the Votes of the Ratepayers or Bur-
gesses of Local Authorities. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Local Government Short Title.
Voting Reform Act, 1899.”

10 2. In every case where under any Act provision is made for
submitting any proposal to the votes of the ratepayers or burgesses of
the district, or of any subdivision of the district of a local authority,
such proposal shall be deemed to be carried if, at the poll taken on
such proposal, the number of valid votes recorded in favour of the
proposal exceeds the number of valid votes recorded against the
15 same, each ratepayer or burgess having *in the case of a borough or
any subdivision thereof* one vote and no more, and in any other case
the voting power specified in the Schedule hereto.

New Proviso.

20 Provided that, except in the case of a borough or any subdivi-
sion thereof, no proposal to raise a loan shall be deemed to be carried
unless the number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal
is at least three-fifths of the total number of valid votes recorded:
Provided, further, that in the case of a borough or any subdivision
25 thereof nothing in this Act shall operate to entitle any person en-
rolled on the burgess roll in respect of the residential qualification
to vote on any proposal relating to loans or rates. Proviso.

3. Every Act, whether general, *local*, or special, which is in
any way in conflict with this Act, is hereby modified in so far as such
conflict exists, but not further or otherwise. Acts in conflict
modified.

SCHEDULE.

If his rateable property, whether in one or more tenements, is valued on any valuation-roll at not more than £1,000	One vote.
If such property is so valued at more than £1,000, but not more than £2,000	Two votes.
If such property is so valued at more than £2,000... ..	Three votes.

Schedule.