

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

LICENSING POLLS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law with respect to Licensing Polls.

Title.

BE IT 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 Licensing Polls Act, 1907, and it shall form part of and be read with the Licensing Act, 1881.

Short Title.

2. (1.) If at any time Parliament is dissolved before it has been two years in existence, a licensing poll shall be taken at the next general election thereafter, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Act, 1895, but the operation of such poll shall be suspended until the day when the Parliament so dissolved would otherwise have expired by effluxion of time, and such poll shall take effect accordingly as if taken on that day, unless it has been already superseded by a subsequent poll.

When licensing polls to be taken.

(2.) Until the poll so suspended in its operation takes effect in accordance with this Act or is so superseded, the poll in force at the time of the taking of such first-mentioned poll shall continue in full force and operation.

20 (3.) Subsection two of section four of the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Act, 1895, is hereby repealed.

3. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the City Single Electorates Act, 1903, or in the report of the Commissioners thereunder, it is hereby declared that for the purposes of all licensing polls the licensing districts of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin respectively shall consist of the electoral districts following, that is to say :—

City licensing districts reconstituted.

30 The Auckland Licensing District shall consist of the electoral districts of Auckland East, Auckland Central, Auckland West, and Grey Lynn.

The Wellington Licensing District shall consist of the electoral districts of Wellington North, Wellington Central, Wellington East, and Wellington South.

The Christchurch Licensing District shall consist of the electoral districts of Christchurch North, Christchurch East, Christchurch South, and Avon.

The Dunedin Licensing District shall consist of the electoral districts of Dunedin North, Dunedin West, Dunedin Central, and Dunedin South. 5

(2.) The above-mentioned electoral districts are the districts as defined by the North and South Islands Representation Commissions, which will come into effect on the expiration of the present Parliament. 10

(3.) The said Commissions shall have the same functions and duties with respect to the licensing districts hereby constituted as they have under paragraph (a) of section four of the last-mentioned Act in respect of the licensing districts therein mentioned.