

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

Legislative Council.
31st August, 1899.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

LICENSING POLL REGULATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Further Provision for the Proper Conduct of 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. The Short Title of this Act is "The Licensing Poll Regulation Act, 1899," and it shall apply to every poll taken under Part I. of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Act, 1895" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.
- 2. Paragraphs (m) and (n) of section seven of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof scrutineers may be appointed under the provisions in that behalf hereinafter contained. Appointment of scrutineers.
- 3. Any ten or more electors who are in favour of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district may, by nomination-paper under their hands, nominate any two specified persons to appoint one scrutineer to act at each ballot-box in the district in the interest of all electors who are in favour of that proposal. Electors in favour of no license may nominate persons to appoint scrutineers.
- 4. Any ten or more electors who are not in favour of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district may, in like manner, nominate any two specified persons to appoint one scrutineer to act at each such ballot-box in the interest of all electors who are not in favour of that proposal. Similar provision as to electors not in favour of no license.
- 5. The nomination-paper shall be in the form numbered one in the Schedule hereto, and shall be verified by statutory declaration as therein set forth, but the statutory declaration shall be exempt from stamp duty. Form of nomination-paper. To be verified.

Nomination-paper to be lodged with Returning Officer.

6. The nomination-paper shall be lodged with the Returning Officer not later than the seventh day before the day of polling, and shall be open to public inspection.

Returning Officer to publicly consider nominations, and select fit persons to appoint scrutineers.

7. On a day to be publicly notified by the Returning Officer, being not earlier than the fifth nor later than the third day before the day of polling, he shall publicly consider all the nomination-papers duly lodged as aforesaid, and, after hearing all objections thereto, select therefrom two fit persons to appoint one scrutineer, and two fit persons to appoint the other scrutineer, to act at each ballot-box in the respective interests as aforesaid, and the persons so selected may appoint accordingly.

Selection to be in writing.

8. The selection shall be by writing under the hand of the Returning Officer, in the form numbered two in the Schedule hereto.

Appointments to be in writing: form thereof.

9. The appointment shall in each case be by writing under the hands of the persons selected as aforesaid, and shall be in the form numbered three in the Schedule hereto.

Powers of scrutineers.

10. Every scrutineer so appointed shall, for the purposes of the licensing poll, have all the powers of a scrutineer under "The Electoral Act, 1893," and shall make the declaration required to be made by the scrutineers at elections under that Act.

Remuneration of scrutineers not expenses of poll.

11. The remuneration (if any) of the scrutineers shall not be deemed to be expenses incident to the taking of the licensing poll.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

12. Every Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, poll-clerk, or scrutineer who fails or neglects to faithfully perform any duty imposed on him by or under the principal Act or this Act is liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

NOMINATION.

[Form No. 1.

Under "The Licensing Poll Regulation Act, 1899."

For the purposes of the licensing poll to be taken in the District of on the day of 1, we, the undersigned electors of the district, hereby nominate [Full names, addresses, and occupations of the two persons nominated] as fit persons to appoint one scrutineer to act at each ballot-box in the interest of all electors who are in favour [or, as the case may be, not in favour] of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district. And in support of this our nomination we hereby severally, each for himself or herself, solemnly and sincerely declare that we are, and we verily believe each of the persons nominated as aforesaid to be, honestly in favour [or, as the case may be, not in favour] of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district; and we severally make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

(Signature, address, and occupation.)

Severally declared by each of the [number] declarants whose signatures are subscribed hereto, this day of 1, before me—

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J.P., Solicitor [or as the case may be].

[NOTE.—Not less than ten electors must sign.]

RETURNING OFFICER'S SELECTION.

[Form No. 2.]

Under "The Licensing Poll Regulation Act, 1899."

HAVING considered the nominations duly lodged in this behalf, and having heard all objections thereto, I hereby select [*Full names, addresses, and occupations of the two persons selected, &c. (as above)*] as fit persons to appoint one scrutineer to act at each ballot-box at the licensing poll for the District of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 1 _____, in the interest of all electors who are in favour [*or, as the case may be, not in favour*] of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 1 _____, Returning Officer.

APPOINTMENT.

[Form No. 3.]

Under "The Licensing Poll Regulation Act, 1899."

To the Returning Officer.

FOR the purposes of the licensing poll for the District of _____ to be taken on the _____ day of _____, 1 _____, we, the undersigned, being duly authorised in this behalf, hereby appoint the persons named in the Schedule hereto to act as scrutineers at the ballot-boxes at the polling-places named in the Schedule, in the interest of all electors who are in favour [*or, as the case may be, not in favour*] of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district.

Schedule.

Scrutineer.	<i>Schedule.</i>	Polling-place.
<i>[Full name, address, and occupation of the Scrutineer.]</i>		<i>[Name of polling-place.]</i>

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 1 _____.