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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,
19th September, 1899.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE REFORM EXTENSION ACT
1899 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to the Franchise in the Title.
Case of Boroughs.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Municipal Franchise Short Title.
Reform Extension Act 1899 Amendment Act, 1899."

10 2. "The Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act, 1899," Municipal Fran-
is hereby amended as follows:— chise Reform
Extension Act
amended.

(1.) As to section two thereof: By substituting the words "On
the *thirty-first* day next preceding the day appointed for any elec-
tion," in lieu of the words "On the fourteenth day next preceding
the second Thursday in the month of September in each year."

15 (2.) As to section four thereof: By repealing the proviso.

(3.) As to section six thereof: By adding the following proviso:
"Provided that the roll shall be closed at least *fourteen*
days before the day appointed for the election."

20 3. If for the space of *seven* days after the day specified in that
behalf by section two of the aforesaid Act the Council for any reason
has failed or neglected to hold a sitting as therein required, then the
following special provisions shall apply:— If Council fails to
hold sitting, Magis-
trate to act.

(1.) The Clerk shall forthwith notify the Stipendiary Magistrate
of such failure or neglect.

25 (2.) The Magistrate shall thereupon hold a sitting in order to
finally amend the burgess-list, and shall cause three days'
public notice to be given of the time and place of such
sitting.

30 (3.) For the purpose of amending the burgess-list, the Magistrate
shall have all the powers and functions of the Council
and the Mayor respectively.

2 *Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act 1899 Amendment.*

(4.) The burgess-list, as amended, initialled, signed, and certified by the Magistrate, shall become the burgess-roll for the purposes of the election, and shall be deemed to be closed until the election is completed: Provided that the roll shall be closed at least *ten* days before the day appointed for the election. 5

Rights of burgesses under section 12 of main Act further defined.

4. The rights which by subsection one of section twelve of "The Municipal Franchise Reform Act, 1898," are conferred upon every person who is enrolled on the burgess-roll by virtue of any qualification created by that Act shall be deemed to include the right to be elected as Mayor or Councillor of the borough, and he shall be eligible for election accordingly. 10