

*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,  
19 September, 1899.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.]

*Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.*

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE REFORM EXTENSION ACT  
1899 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act amended.</p>	<p>3. If Council fails to hold sitting, Magistrate to act.</p> <p>4. Rights of burgesses under section 12 of main Act further defined.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to the Franchise in the Case of Boroughs. 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 Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act 1899 Amendment Act, 1899." Short Title.

2. "The Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act, 1899," is hereby amended as follows:— Municipal Franchise 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 ordinary election," in lieu of the words "On the fourteenth day next preceding the second Thursday in the month of September in each year."

(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."

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, Magistrate to act.

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

(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.

(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

*New clause.*

Commencement of Act.

5. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred. 15