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MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE REFORM EXTENSION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to extend the Provisions of "The Municipal Franchise Reform Act, 1898." 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"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Municipal Franchise Reform Act, 1898" (hereinafter called "the Franchise Reform Act"). Short Title.

2. On the fourteenth day next preceding the day appointed for any election, the Council shall hold a sitting in order to finally amend the burgess-list for the purposes of such election. Final amendment of burgess-list before every election.

3. The Mayor shall cause three days' public notice to be given of such sitting. Notice of sitting therefor.

4. At such sitting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Council shall amend the burgess-list (whether it is or is not then in force as the burgess-roll), by the addition or erasure of the name of any person who, to the satisfaction of the Council, then in fact possesses, or does not possess, the requisite qualification entitling him to enrolment, and by the correction of every error which the Council finds to exist therein. Council may amend by adding or erasing names.

5. In making any such amendment the Council may act either on its own knowledge, or on the report of the Clerk, or on any claim or objection then before it. Information on which Council may act.

6. When the burgess-list has been so amended it shall be initialled, signed, and certified as provided by section sixty-nine of the principal Act, and shall thereupon become the burgess-roll for the purposes of such election, and shall be deemed to be closed until the election is completed. List as amended to be burgess-roll for election.

Burgess-roll may be amended from time to time, except whilst closed.

7. No alteration in the burgess-roll shall be made whilst it is closed as aforesaid, but, except whilst so closed, it may from time to time and at any time be amended as aforesaid by the Council at any meeting thereof, or by the Clerk, and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter therein the name of any person who to the Clerk's knowledge possesses any qualification entitling him to enrolment, or who makes claim for enrolment in the prescribed form. 5

Right of any persons to be enrolled at any time.

8. The right of a person to be enrolled at any time in respect of any qualification which he then possesses shall not be affected by the fact that he acquired it before or after any specified date, anything in section seventy-one of the principal Act to the contrary notwithstanding. 10

Regulations under Franchise Reform Act to apply. Acts modified.

9. The regulations now in force under the Franchise Reform Act shall apply to this Act. 15

10. The principal Act and the Franchise Reform Act are hereby modified in so far as they are in conflict with this Act.