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Maori Representation Act 1867 Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," and other Acts amending the same, and to make further and better provision for the Representation of the Native Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Zealand.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make further and better provision for the representation of the Maoris in the House of Representatives:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Maori Representation Act 1867 Amendment Act, 1879."

2. Notwithstanding anything in the said "Maori Representation Act, 1867," or in any Act or Acts amending the same contained, the number of members to be returned to represent the Maoris in the House of Representatives after the expiration of the present session shall be seven instead of four.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make a new subdivision of the colony into seven districts, each of such districts to

be entitled to be represented in the House of Representatives by one member.

Four districts already represented to be defined.

4. In and by the same Order in Council the Governor shall determine and define the four districts out of the seven districts hereinbefore mentioned which shall, subject to existing laws and during the continuance of the present Parliament, be represented respectively by the present four sitting members, elected under the said "Maori Representation Act, 1867," or any Act or Acts amending the same. 5

Provision in defining boundaries of new districts.

5. In defining the said seven districts as hereinbefore provided, due regard shall be had to the various tribal boundaries, and to the relations existing between the various tribes of Maoris, so as to secure, as far as practicable, that tribes having a common ancestry, or other causes of common interest existing before the foundation of the colony, shall be comprised within one district. 10 15

Three new members to be elected in time for next session.

6. The powers and duties hereby given to and imposed upon the Governor in Council shall be exercised in such manner as will enable the three additional members hereby provided for to be elected in time to take their seats in the next session to be holden of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of New Zealand. 20

Act to be read with Act of 1867 and amending Acts.

7. This Act shall be read with and construed as part of the said "Maori Representation Act, 1867," and the several Acts amending the same, but any provisions of the said "Maori Representation Act, 1867," or of any other Acts amending the same, which shall be repugnant to the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to be repealed hereby. 25