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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Formation of an Institute of Surveyors in the Colony of New Zealand, and for the Incorporation thereof. Title.

5 WHEREAS certain persons in the colony have formed themselves into an association under the name of "The New Zealand Institute of Surveyors," for defining the nature and extent of the education expected from candidates seeking to enter the profession, providing a competent and sufficient authority to pronounce the opinions of the whole profession upon the conduct of any of its members and upon any matters touching their general interests or well-being, affording the public requiring the assistance of surveyors a guarantee of their competency, and providing means for the discussion of professional questions with a view to their mutual improvement, and, generally, for regulating matters pertaining to the profession of a surveyor, and for securing uniformity of practice amongst surveyors in the colony: And whereas it is expedient to incorporate the association, and to give to the same such powers as are hereinafter conferred: Preamble.

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 New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Act, 1899." Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act the word "surveyor" means any person who holds a certificate as an authorised surveyor from the Surveyor-General of the colony, or a certificate of competency as a surveyor from the Board of Examiners constituted under "The Land Act, 1892"; and nothing in this Act shall be deemed to interfere with or control the requirements of any law now or hereafter in force respecting the qualification, status, or employment of surveyors. Interpretation.

- Incorporation.** 3. All persons who are now members or associate members of the aforesaid association, and all persons who at any time hereafter become members of the same in accordance with this Act and the by-laws and rules made hereunder are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The New Zealand Institute of Surveyors," and by such name may sue and be sued. 5
- Seal.** 4. The New Zealand Institute of Surveyors (hereinafter called "the Institute") under its corporate name shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal.
- Purchase of land.** 5. The Institute may at all times hereafter acquire and hold, for any estate or term of years whatever, any real or personal estate of any nature or kind whatsoever; and may sell, convey, demise, exchange, mortgage, and dispose of such real or personal estate or any part thereof: Provided that the real estate to be so acquired shall not exceed a total area of ten acres. 10 15
- Council and officers.** 6. The affairs of the Institute shall be managed by a Council, consisting of President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, six delegates from local Committees, and six ordinary members. The President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, and six ordinary members shall be elected by ballot from amongst the members of the Institute at the annual meeting first ensuing after the passing of this Act. The President shall hold office for two years; and three of the other members of Council shall retire annually by ballot, but be eligible for re-election. 20
- How elected.**
- General meetings.** 7. Meetings of the Institute shall be held at such times and places as the by-laws direct. The rules and by-laws of the Institute shall provide for the representation, quorum, and voting at such meetings of its members. 25
- Powers of Council.** 8. The Council shall transact all the ordinary business of the Institute; it shall keep, or cause to be kept, proper minutes of its proceedings; it shall have power to appoint committees, and to make by-laws for the regulation of its own affairs, provided that such by-laws are not repugnant to the general rules of the Institute; and it shall have power to appoint a Secretary and other necessary officers, and in its discretion to cancel such appointments, and to order the payment out of the funds of the Institute of such salaries or allowances to such officers as it may determine. 30 35
- Qualification of membership.** 9. Any person may hereafter become a member of the Institute who is over twenty-one years of age, and possesses the qualification stated in section *two* hereof. 40
- By-laws.** 10. At any meeting of members of the Institute it shall be lawful for them, or such of them as are present, provided the number is not less than ten, to make such by-laws, rules, or orders (not repugnant to this Act) as to them seem proper for the government of the Institute, and for fixing the manner of electing the Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Auditors, and such other officers as are deemed necessary, and the qualifications respectively for such officers, and the term of their continuance in office, and the manner and time in which any vacancy shall be filled up; and also for regulating the admission of persons as members of the Institute, and 45 50

- for expelling members therefrom for misconduct and malpractice ; and for convening ordinary or special meetings of members ; and for the granting of certificates of membership ; and for conferring fellowships, and creating honorary memberships, and other titles of distinction ;
- 5 and generally for carrying the objects for which the Institute is formed into full effect. And such by-laws, rules, or orders may from time to time in like manner be altered or revoked : Provided that notice of any proposed alteration or revocation is notified in writing to the Council at least three months before the date of the meeting :
- 10 Provided also that no by-law, rule, or order for expelling members, for granting certificates of membership, or for defining the nature and extent of the education to be expected from candidates seeking to enter the profession, shall have any effect until approved by the Governor in Council, and published in the *Gazette*.
- 15 11. The Surveyor-General shall publish in the *Gazette*, in the month of January of every year, a list of surveyors, and the production in such *Gazette* shall in any Court be *prima facie* evidence that any person named therein is a surveyor within the meaning of this Act.
- 20 12. The Surveyor-General shall, by like publication, notify the removal from such list of the name of any surveyor who is disqualified by the Institute :
- 25 Provided that any surveyor who considers himself improperly disqualified shall have, within six months of such disqualification, the right of appeal to the official Board of Examiners.

List of surveyors to be published in *Gazette*.

Disqualification of surveyors.

Proviso.