

POLITICAL DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill re-enacts, with amendments, the Political Disabilities Removal Act 1936.

Clause 2 provides that the funds of any society of a kind defined in *subclause (5)* may be applied in the furtherance of political objects if a majority of the total valid votes recorded at a ballot of the members of the society is in favour. The clause does not re-enact the amendments made in 1950, but restores the provisions of s. 4 of the 1936 Act, as amended by s. 40 of the Statutes Amendment Act 1948.

Clause 3 repeals the 1936 Act and the amending Act of 1950.

Hon. Mr Hackett

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ANALYSIS

Title	2. Power of certain associations to apply funds in furtherance of political objects
1. Short Title	3. Repeals and savings

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to consolidate and amend the Political Disabilities Removal Act 1936 and its amendments

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Political Disabilities Removal Act 1960.

2. **Power of certain associations to apply funds in furtherance of political objects**—(1) Subject to the provisions of
10 this section, the funds of any society may be applied in the furtherance of political objects if the members of the society so decide by a resolution for the time being in force, passed
15 on a ballot of the members of the society taken in accordance with its rules.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a resolution shall be deemed to have been passed on a ballot of the members of the society if a majority of the total valid votes recorded at the ballot is in favour thereof.

(3) Any such resolution may be at any time revoked by a subsequent resolution passed in the same manner as the first-mentioned resolution was passed. 5

(4) The provisions of this section shall apply to any society notwithstanding that there is no provision in its rules authorising the use of its funds for the furtherance of political 10 objects.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the term "society" means—

- (a) Any society of public servants consisting of not less than fifteen persons, and primarily associated for 15 the purpose of protecting or furthering their interests in connection with their employment; or
- (b) Any industrial union registered under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954; or
- (c) Any trade union registered under the Trade Unions 20 Act 1908.

Cf. 1936, No. 23, s. 4; 1948, No. 77, s. 40

3. Repeals and savings—(1) The following enactments are hereby repealed, namely:

- (a) The Political Disabilities Removal Act 1936: 25
- (b) The Political Disabilities Removal Amendment Act 1950.

(2) Without limiting the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, it is hereby declared that the repeal of any provision by this Act shall not affect any document made or 30 any thing whatsoever done under the provision so repealed, and every such document or thing, so far as it is subsisting or in force at the time of the repeal and could have been made or done under this Act, shall continue and have effect as if it had been made or done under the corresponding pro- 35 vision of this Act, and as if that provision had been in force when the document was made or the thing was done.