

New Parliament.

Mr. Barron.

PLURALITY OF VOTES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish Plurality of Voting at the Election of Members of the House of Representatives. 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 Plurality of Votes Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. (1.) From and after the passing of this Act no elector shall at any election of members of the House of Representatives vote in respect of more than one electorate; and any person voting in respect of more than one electorate shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. Elector to vote only in respect of one electorate.

(2.) At any other than a general election of such members no elector shall vote in respect of any electorate unless he shall have been entitled to vote and have voted in such electorate at the last general election held therein, or unless he has acquired the right to vote therein since the last general election in respect of a residential qualification under "The Qualification of Electors Act, 1879;" and any person voting in violation of this provision shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

3. The Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer may, and if so required by any scrutineer shall, at any election before allowing any person to vote, put to such person the following question: Have you voted at the present general election in any electoral district? and unless he answers such question in the negative he shall not be permitted to vote; and any person giving a false answer to such question shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. Elector shall be questioned by Returning Officer.

4. Any person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable, on conviction before one or more Justices of the Peace, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months. Penalty.