

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

REPRESENTATION ACTS AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Representation Acts.

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 Representation Acts Amendment Act (No. 2), 1893."

Short Title.

2. In this Act,—

Interpretation.

"Commission" means any Commission appointed under this Act:

"Commissioners" means the Commissioners appointed for any such Commission:

"The principal Act" means the "Representation Act, 1887":

"The Amendment Act" means "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1889."

Words in this Act referring to any Commission, Commissioners, district, place, or report shall be construed distributively as referring to each Commission, body of Commissioners, district, place, or report to whom or to which they are applicable.

3. The Governor in Council shall, not later than twenty-one days after the passing of this Act, appoint two Permanent Commissions, one for the North Island and one for the Middle Island, each to consist of five members, for the purposes of this Act, of whom the Surveyor-General, the Commissioner of Taxes, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Auckland Land District shall be three official members of the Commission for the North Island, and the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the Nelson, the Canterbury, and the Otago Land Districts shall be three official members of the Commission for the Middle Island; and the remaining two members of each Commission shall be such persons, not being members of the Civil

Permanent Commission for each Island for adjustment of representation.

Service or members of the General Assembly, as the Governor shall from time to time nominate, who shall be the unofficial members of the Commission.

All provisions of the Representation Acts relating to the Commission appointed under the principal Act shall apply to the Commissions appointed under this Act; and three shall continue to be the quorum of the Commissions appointed under this Act. 5

On the appointment of the Commissions under this Act, the Commission appointed under the principal Act shall be dissolved.

Commission to readjust boundaries of existing districts.

4. The Commissioners shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the dissolution of the present Parliament, make a revision of the boundaries of the several electoral districts then in force, in order to readjust the same in a more compact and concentric form. 10

Basis of adjustment of districts.

5. In revising the boundaries of such districts, and in forming the districts periodically, after a census, the Commissioners shall have regard especially to community of interest, facilities of communication, and topographical features. 15

(1.) Where, in the opinion of the Commissioners, districts cannot be formed consistently with the above considerations so as to contain exactly the quota, or a multiple of the same, as the case may require, the Commissioners may, for each member to be elected, make an allowance by way of addition or deduction of population to the extent of one thousand two hundred and fifty; and in making such allowance may take into consideration the proportion which the number of male inhabitants of the district, other than Maoris, of or above the age of twenty-one years, bears to the entire population, other than Maoris, of the district. 20 25

(2.) The Commissioners shall not make any such addition to or deduction from any city electoral district, or to or from any other district wholly composed of population to which the addition of twenty-eight per centum, under the Amendment Act, has not been made, of more than one hundred. 30

(3.) In the case of a district which, being a city electoral district or a district adjoining a city electoral district, is partly composed of such population, the addition or deduction which may be made shall not be greater than a number which will bear the same ratio to one thousand two hundred and fifty that the population to which the addition of twenty-eight per centum has been made within such district after such addition is made bears to the quota. 35 40

In the determination of the boundaries of any district, the unofficial members resident in or nearest to such district shall be consulted. 45

The name of any district shall not be altered by the Commissioners in their first report.

First report to the Governor.

6. The Commissioners shall, in their first report to the Governor, describe the alterations and adjustments made in the several then existing districts, appending, where necessary, properly authenticated maps of the electoral districts so altered, and a copy of such report and maps shall be presented by the Governor to the House of 50

Representatives within ten days of the receipt thereof, if in session and, if not, within ten days after the commencement of the next session.

5 If, during the aforesaid session, the House of Representatives does not by resolution disallow or amend the alterations of districts as reported by the Commissioners, then the said altered districts or the said altered districts as amended by the House shall, from and after the day of the prorogation of the said session, be deemed to be electoral districts of the colony, and shall so continue until the
10 succeeding report of the Commissioners takes effect.

7. Every succeeding division of the colony into districts shall be made and reported on in manner as provided by the principal Act as amended by section five of this Act; but no alteration in any district shall, after the revision and adjustment of the districts as
15 aforesaid, be made by the Commissioners, unless the population thereof has increased by the latest census returns twenty-five per centum since the last previous census.

Succeeding reports.

8. The principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—
20 (1.) Section two by the omission of all words of the first paragraph thereof before the first subsection; and of the omission from the third subsection thereof of the words " if the House of Representatives is not in session at the time."
25 (2.) Section three by the omission of all the words at the beginning thereof before " within three months "; and in subsection six thereof by the omission of all the words thereof after " or of any district."

Amendments of principal Act.

9. Section two of the Amendment Act is hereby amended by the omission of all the words after the fifth subsection thereof.

Amendment of Amendment Act.