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SOLDIERS VOTING.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable Members of the Expeditionary Forces to exercise their Votes by Proxy. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Soldiers Voting Act, 1916. Short Title.

10 2. (1.) Any person who is enrolled or entitled to be enrolled under the Expeditionary Forces Voting Act, 1914, as an elector under the Legislature Act, 1908, or is entitled to exercise a vote under any Act or Acts on any matters relating to licensing, local, or parochial affairs, and who has left or is about to leave New Zealand to serve His Majesty in the war may appoint any person who is entitled to exercise, himself or herself, a vote as aforesaid to be his
15 or her proxy for the purpose of recording a vote in his or her behalf at any election or poll within the district in which the person giving such proxy would be entitled to exercise a vote if he or she had not volunteered to serve His Majesty as aforesaid.

Proxy may be given.

20 (2.) Any person who is entitled to be enrolled as aforesaid and has made application for enrolment shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be enrolled.

(3.) Every such appointment shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the elector appointing the proxy.

25 (4.) The instrument appointing the proxy shall be signed in the presence of any commissioned officer in His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces.

30 3. No vote shall be deemed invalid under this Act by reason of any technical error in the wording of the instrument of proxy ; and the signature of the person giving such proxy and the signature of the officer witnessing as aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute a valid instrument of proxy.

Technical error not to invalidate vote.

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