Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

TIMARU HARBOUR BOARD.

LOCAL BILL.

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An Act to alter the Time of Election, and to make Further Pro-Title. vision in respect of the Exercise of the Functions of the Timaru Harbour Board.

5 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 shall be "The Timaru Har- Short Title.

bour Board Act, 1899."

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context, "Board" Interpretation. means the Timaru Harbour Board constituted under "The Harbours Act, 1878," and the special Acts relating to the said Board.

3. The members of the Board now holding office shall, except Present members to in cases of resignation, death, disqualification, or dissolution of the hold office until 15 Board, continue to hold office until the election of their successors, successors.

as hereinafter mentioned, but no longer.

4. The next biennial election of members of the said Board Election of shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of April, one thousand nine hundred and one, and subsequent biennial elections 20 of members shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of April in each succeeding alternate year, in manner provided by the Acts now in force regulating such elections as amended by this Act.

5. A meeting of the Board shall be held on the fourth Friday Election of in the month of April in each year, and at each such meeting it shall Chairman.

25 elect one of its members to be Chairman, in manner provided by the said Acts.

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6. The Chairman so at present in office and the Chairman from time to time to be elected shall, except in the cases of his resignation of the such office of Chairman, or ceasing to be a member of the Board, or of the dissolution of the Board, continue to hold office until the next election of Chairman, as hereinbefore provided.

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7. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Timaru Harbour Board Act, 1882," ratepayers whose sole qualification to vote at elections of members of the Board arises from possession of rateable property in that part of the Pareora Riding of the County of Waimate which is not included within the boundaries of the Timaru 10 Harbour District, shall not hereafter be entitled to vote at elections of members of the said Board, or be eligible as candidates for election as members thereof; and the names of such persons shall be excluded from each separate roll of the Pareora Riding made up under the provisions of section eight of the Act last above-mentioned.

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section three of "The Timaru Harbour District Rating Act, 1894," the adoption heretofore or hereafter by the Board of any statements such as therein mentioned as the basis of allocating the contributions therein referred to shall not debar the Board from subsequently, from time to time 20 as it thinks fit, obtaining and adopting a revised statement or statements of values as such basis as aforesaid, whether or not the valuation-roll from which any original statement has been compiled remains in force.

9. Nothing contained in any Act now in force shall prejudice or 25 affect, or be deemed to have prejudiced or affected, the power of the said Board to allocate and recover contributions in manner provided by "The Timaru Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1890," or any amendment thereof.

10. Wherever in "The Timaru Harbour Board Empowering 30 Act, 1890," or any amendment thereof, reference is made to "rateable value," or "capital value," or any equivalent expression is used, such reference shall, in respect of all boroughs, counties, road districts, and town districts, and parts thereof, respectively comprised within the Timaru Harbour District wherein "The Rating on Un- 35 improved Value Act, 1896," is or may hereafter be adopted or in force, be construed as referring to the gross value under that Act.

11. This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of "The Harbours Act, 1878," and all the provisions of that Act as amended by the special Acts relating to the said Board shall 40 extend and apply to this Act, except so far as such provisions may be repugnant to or inconsistent with this Act, and to that extent they shall be deemed to be modified.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1899.