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## TAURANGA HARBOUR BOARD.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to constitute a Harbour District and a Harbour Board for Title.  
the Harbour of Tauranga.

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 Tauranga Harbour Board Act, Short Title.  
1908.

10 2. This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the Act deemed special  
Act  
meaning of the Harbours Act, 1878, which Act and all Acts amend-  
ing the same shall be incorporated with this Act.

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“Board” means the Harbour Board constituted under this Interpretation.  
Act:

15 “Harbour” means the Port and Harbour of Tauranga, and  
the Port and Harbour of Katikati, and the respective  
entrances thereto:

“District” means the harbour district constituted under  
this Act:

20 “The said Act” means the Harbour Act, 1878, and all Acts  
amending the same.

4. A Harbour Board is hereby constituted under the said Act for Harbour Board  
constituted.  
the Harbour of Tauranga, and such Board shall consist of nine mem-  
bers, of whom five shall form a quorum, and such members shall  
25 be appointed as follows: Two members shall be appointed by the  
Government, three members shall be elected by the electors of the  
Tauranga County, two members shall be elected by the electors of  
the Tauranga Borough, two members shall be appointed by the  
Tauranga Chamber of Commerce.

Election of Board.	5. The first elective Board shall be elected on a day to be fixed by the Governor, and shall hold office until the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and <i>ten</i> , on which day their successors shall be elected, and thereafter an election of members shall be held on the last Wednesday of the month of March in every alternate year.	5
Mode of election.	6. (1.) The Governor may, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint a Returning Officer and polling-place for the purpose of the first election of members under this Act, and a day for such election, and may make such further provision for the same purpose as he deems necessary. (2.) Election for membership of the Board shall be conducted under the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1905.	10
Endowments.	7. The Board is hereby endowed with the foreshore of the said harbour, all the mud-flats in the said harbour, and all the rivers flowing into the said harbour as far as the same are tidal, and also all pilotages and port charges in the said harbour.	15
Tauranga wharves vested in Harbour Board.	8. The wharves known as the Victoria Wharf and the Town Wharf now erected in the Tauranga Harbour shall be vested in the Board, with their assets and liabilities.	20
Assets.	9. The Governor, after making such inquiries as he thinks fit, may determine what constitutes the assets and liabilities of the said wharves, and also direct to be done whatever is requisite in order that the wharves, their assets and liabilities, may be effectively transferred to the Board.	25
Expenses of promoting Act.	10. It shall be lawful for the Board to defray the expenses incurred in promoting and passing this Act out of the general revenue of the Board.	
Board to have power to borrow money.	11. (1.) The Board shall have power from time to time to borrow on the security of its endowments and rates any sum not exceeding twenty thousand pounds for the construction of the harbour-works in or towards the improvement of the said harbour, subject to the provisions of the said Act and to the previous approval by the Governor of a plan of the works proposed to be constructed. (2.) Such money may be raised in the manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901, and the provisions of that Act shall apply as if the Board were a local authority and the said works were public works within the meaning of Part I of that Act.	30 35
Harbour-improvement rate.	12. The Board may make and levy a harbour-improvement rate not exceeding one halfpenny in the pound in the year upon the unimproved value of all rateable property in the harbour district : Provided that such rate shall not be made except with the previous consent of the ratepayers in the harbour district expressed in the manner provided by the Local Elections Act, 1904.	40
Boundaries of harbour district.	13. The harbour district shall comprise and consist of the whole of the County and Borough of Tauranga.	45