

## WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Waitaki High School Act 1878.

*Clause 2* provides for the reconstitution of the Board of Governors of the schools. The following changes are made in the constitution of the Board:

- (a) The number of parents' representatives is increased from two to four:
- (b) A member appointed by the Oamaru Borough Council is substituted for the Mayor of Oamaru:
- (c) A member appointed by the Waitaki County Council is substituted for the Chairman of the County of Waitaki.

*Clause 3* makes consequential changes in the provision of the Act relating to the filling of casual vacancies.

*Clause 4* provides for the election of a Chairman of the Board.

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*Hon. Mr Algie*

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### ANALYSIS

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Constitution of Board of Govern-  
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3. Casual vacancies.  
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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Waitaki High School Act 1878. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Waitaki High School Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together  
with and deemed part of the Waitaki High School Act 1878 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.  
1878, No. 18  
(Local)

10 2. The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section three, and substituting the following section: Constitution of Board of Governors.

“3. (1) The said Board shall consist of—

“(a) One member appointed by the Oamaru Borough Council:

15 “(b) One member appointed by the Waitaki County Council:

“(c) One member appointed by the Education Board of the District of Otago:

20 “(d) Two members appointed by the Governor-General:

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- “(e) Four members elected by the parents of the pupils of the schools controlled by the said Board in the manner for the time being prescribed by the scheme in respect of the schools approved by the Minister of Education under section ninety-two of the Education Act 1914. 5
- “(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, every member of the said Board shall be appointed or elected for a term of two years. 10
- “(3) Every member of the said Board shall continue in office until his successor comes into office.
- “(4) Any appointed or elected member of the said Board shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election. 15
- “(5) The members appointed by the Education Board of the District of Otago and by the Governor-General, and the members elected under subsection one of section eighty-nine of the Education Act 1914 by the parents of the pupils, who are in office at the commencement of this section shall be deemed to have been appointed or elected under this section. 20
- “(6) The first members to be appointed by the Oamaru Borough Council and the Waitaki County Council shall be appointed, and the first two additional members of the said Board to be elected by the parents of the pupils of the schools controlled by the said Board shall be elected, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this section. 25
- “(7) The term of office of the members appointed by the Oamaru Borough Council, the Waitaki County Council, and the Education Board of the District of Otago shall expire on the thirty-first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six and on that day in every second year thereafter, and their successors (if then appointed) shall forthwith thereafter come into office. 30 35
- “(8) On the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five and on that day in every year thereafter the term of office of the member appointed by the Governor-General whose term commenced earliest shall expire, and the terms of office of the two 40

members elected by the parents of the pupils of the schools controlled by the said Board whose terms commenced earliest shall expire, and their successors (if then appointed or elected) shall forthwith thereafter come into office:

“ Provided that, as between members whose terms commenced at the same time, those to retire may be determined by a unanimous decision of the members present at a meeting of the said Board and (if not so determined) shall be determined by lot by the Secretary of the said Board at a meeting of the said Board.”

3. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended—

Casual vacancies.

(a) By omitting all words after the words “ the said period of six months ”:

(b) By adding the following subsection as subsection two:

“(2) If any member of the said Board dies or resigns or otherwise vacates his office, the vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable thereafter by the appointment or election of a new member in the manner in which the vacating member was appointed or elected, and the member so appointed or elected to fill the vacancy shall be appointed or elected for only the residue of the term of the vacating member.”

4. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section four, the following section:

Election of Chairman.

“ 4A. At the meeting of the said Board in the month of August in the year nineteen hundred and *fifty-four* and in that month in every second year thereafter the said Board shall elect a Chairman, who shall preside at the meetings of the said Board at which he is present and when so presiding shall have a deliberative vote and also a casting vote on all questions which come before the said Board.”