

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1889.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. WALKER to move the following new clause :—

4. New hospital and charitable-aid districts may be constituted New districts, how constituted. in manner following, that is to say :—

- (1.) The Council or Councils of any county or counties, or where the Counties Act is suspended, the Boards of the several road districts within such county or counties, together with the Council or Councils of any borough or boroughs and the Town Board or Boards of any town district or town districts, or a majority of such Councils and Boards forming one continuous and undivided area, may petition the Governor for the formation of such county or counties, together with such borough or boroughs, town district or town districts, into a new hospital and charitable aid district.
- (2.) Notice of such petition shall be published by the Governor in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and if the District Board of the district of which such proposed new district has theretofore formed part, or the Council or Board of any county, borough, road district, or town district proposed to be included in the proposed new district shall object to the formation of such new district or to inclusion therein, a counter-petition may be presented to the Governor within thirty days of the publication of such notice.
- (3.) If no counter-petition be presented as aforesaid, the Governor in Council may by Proclamation appoint that from and after a date to be named in such Proclamation, the petitioning county or counties, together with its or their boroughs and town districts, shall be constituted a new hospital and charitable aid district, and may appoint the name of such district and the number of members of the District Board thereof, and the number of members of the District Board for the remainder of the district of which such new district originally formed part; and the manner in which such members shall be elected; and may provide for the division and apportionment between the new district so created and the Board of the district of which it originally formed part, of all assets and liabilities of the Board of such original district, and may do and perform all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section: Provided always that no new district shall be constituted which shall contain a population of less than three thousand persons.

- (4.) When a counter-petition shall have been presented, as in subsection *two* of this section provided, the Governor shall appoint a day for the taking of a poll of ratepayers throughout the whole area proposed to be constituted a new hospital and charitable aid district, and may make all necessary regulations and provisions with regard to the taking of such poll, and if upon the poll being taken it shall appear that by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the total number of votes recorded, the proposal for the formation of a new district is affirmed, then the Governor shall proceed to proclaim such new district, and may exercise all the powers and functions in that behalf in subsection *three* of this section mentioned.