

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*House of Representatives.*

*14th December, 1921.*

*Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.*

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920. Title.

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 Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1921, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 10 2. Section thirteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "the roll was closed" in subsection two, the words "or for the purpose of complying with a claim for enrolment or of an application for the alteration of an entry in the roll, delivered to the Town Clerk before the closing of the roll." Section 13 of principal Act amended.
- 15 3. Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one thereof the following words: "and shall be entitled to vote at every poll taken for any election under this Act with respect to such borough or ward; and also at every poll taken on any proposal that under this Act or any other Act is submitted to the votes of the electors or ratepayers of such borough or any part thereof: Section 15 of principal Act amended.
- 20 "Provided that he shall not be entitled to vote at a poll taken on any proposal relating to loans or rates by virtue only of a residential qualification or an occupier's qualification."

Section 24  
of principal Act  
amended.

4. Section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following as subsection five thereof:—

“(5.) If a Councillor is elected to be Mayor, his office as an elected Councillor shall be thereby vacated.”

Section 26  
of principal Act  
amended.

5. Section twenty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words “or, in case of the illness or other incapacity of the Town Clerk, by some other officer of the Council appointed for the purpose.”

Section 40  
of principal Act  
amended.

6. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (h) the words “neither a director nor,” and substituting the word “not.”

Section 41  
of principal Act  
amended.

7. Subsection two of section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in the proviso thereto, after the words “section forty-four hereof,” the words “or the act of appointing an officer of the Council to act in place of the Town Clerk for the purpose of either of those sections.”

Section 44  
of principal Act  
amended.

8. Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words: “or, in case of the illness or other incapacity of the Town Clerk, by some other officer of the Council appointed for the purpose.”

Section 56  
of principal Act  
amended.

9. Subsection two of section fifty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “Mayor or Deputy Mayor is absent,” and substituting the words “Mayor and the Deputy Mayor (if any) are absent.”

Repeal.

10. Subsection two of section one hundred and fourteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

11. Subsection two of section one hundred and twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Section 155  
of principal Act  
amended.

12. Section one hundred and fifty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso to paragraph (a) thereof the word “hereafter,” and substituting the word “thereafter.”

Section 283  
of principal Act  
amended.

13. Section two hundred and eighty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting subsection four thereof, and substituting the following:—

“(4.) The amount of every advance shall be a charge on the land upon which the premises are situate, and such amount or the amount of any instalment thereof may be recovered as rates are recovered under the Rating Act, 1908, and the provisions of that Act as to recovery of rates shall apply accordingly.”

Section 331  
of principal Act  
amended.

14. Subsection two of section three hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words “or such higher rate as may be approved by the Minister of Finance.”

Section 354  
of principal Act  
amended.

15. Section three hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “or the display” in paragraph (15), the words “or continuance of the display.”

Section 358  
of principal Act  
amended.

16. Section three hundred and fifty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (c) thereof the words “ten per centum,” and substituting the words “fifteen per centum.”

Section 385  
of principal Act  
amended.

17. Subsection two of section three hundred and eighty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the commencement of that Act by omitting the reference to Part XLII, and substituting a reference to Part XLIII thereof.

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18. (1.) The Council may appoint a competent person (to be called the Inspector of Buildings) whose duty it shall be, by direction of the Council, to inspect buildings in the borough erected or used for residential purposes, and any buildings which, being over  
5 one story in height, are erected or used for other purposes, and to decide what fire-escapes or means of escape in the case of fire are necessary in the case of any such building.

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(2.) Nothing in this section shall apply within any borough which is a fire district or part of a united fire district.