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## MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE ENLARGEMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enlarge the Franchise at Municipal Elections in Title.  
Boroughs.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enlarge the municipal franchise in Preamble.  
5 boroughs:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 is "The Municipal Franchise Short Title.  
10 Enlargement Act, 1897."

2. This Act is divided into two Parts, as follows:—

Division into Parts.

PART I.—Election of Councillors.

PART II.—Election of Mayor.

#### PART I.

15 3. Every person whose name appears upon the roll for an electoral district under "The Electoral Act, 1893," comprising a borough or part of a borough, and who is also a *bonâ fide* resident in the borough, shall be entitled to be enrolled upon the roll next hereinafter directed to be prepared of the borough in which he or she  
20 is resident, or, if and when the borough is divided into wards, of the ward in which he or she is resident, and, when enrolled, to vote at every election of Councillors within that borough or ward.

Right to vote at election of Councillors.

No person shall in any case have more than one vote.

4. The Town Clerk of every borough shall, on or before the  
25 seventh day of April in each year, prepare a roll, to be called the "municipal electors' roll," of the persons specified in the preceding or *third* section hereof, in alphabetical order of surnames, or, if the

Preparation of roll.

borough be divided into wards, of all such persons in each ward respectively.

Registrars of Electors to furnish particulars of roll up till 7th April in each year, on request.

5. Every Registrar of Electors for an electoral district comprising a borough or part of a borough under "The Electoral Act, 1893," shall, on request, furnish the Town Clerk of such borough with such certified copies of the printed and unprinted roll of electors of his electoral district up till the seventh day of April in each year, and such further particulars in his possession as may be required to assist the Town Clerk in compiling the municipal electors' roll. 5

#### PART II.

Right to vote at election of Mayor.

6. Every person whose name appears upon the municipal electors' roll of a borough shall be entitled to vote at every election of a Mayor within that borough. 10

Revision of municipal electors' roll.

7. The Town Clerk of every borough shall, on or before the fourth Wednesday of September in every year, revise the municipal electors' roll of the borough, removing therefrom the names of all such persons as may be no longer entitled to be enrolled thereon, and adding thereto the names of such persons as may be entitled to be added thereto under section *three* hereof. 15

Registrars of Electors to furnish particulars of electoral roll up till the fourth Wednesday in September in each year, on request.

8. Every Registrar of Electors for an electoral district comprising a borough or part of a borough under "The Electoral Act, 1893," shall, on request, furnish the Town Clerk with certified copies and particulars of all alterations in and additions to the roll of electors of his electoral district up to the fourth Wednesday of September in each year, and such further particulars in his possession as may be required to assist the Town Clerk in revising the municipal electors' roll. 20 25

Sections 66 to 69 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," to apply to municipal electors' roll. Objections.

9. The provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," sections sixty-six to sixty-nine, inclusive, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the municipal electors' roll as revised for mayoral elections, except as follows: The time for sending in objections shall be the third Wednesday in October; the time for hearing such objections shall be between the first and fifteenth days of December, both inclusive, to be appointed by the Mayor; and the time for the roll as revised coming into force shall be the sixteenth day of December in each year. 30 35

Repeals.

10. The last paragraph of section seventy-two of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and all other provisions of the same Act conflicting with this Act, are hereby repealed. The word "burgesses," used in section seventy-seven of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," shall be understood to mean the persons upon the municipal electors' roll under this Act. 40

Act to be read with "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and its amendments.

11. This Act shall be read with "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and all Acts amending the same or passed in substitution thereof respectively; but after the passing of this Act every election for a Councillor or Mayor shall be held under the franchise constituted by this Act. 45

Proviso.

Nothing herein contained shall alter or affect the voting of rate-payers under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," other than at elections for Councillors and Mayors. 50