

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,
2nd September, 1926.

Hon. Mr. Williams.

MAIN HIGHWAYS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Main Highways Act, 1922.

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 Main Highways Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Main Highways Act, 1922 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) There may from time to time be paid out of the Revenue Fund of the Main Highways Account, without further appropriation than this section, by way of advances to local authorities for the purposes hereinafter specified, such sums as the Board may from time to time determine:

Main Highways Board may, out of Revenue Fund, advance moneys to local authorities to provide proportion of cost of construction of main highways.

Provided that the total amount advanced to all local authorities and for the time being outstanding under this section shall not exceed fifty thousand pounds at any one time.

(2.) All amounts advanced to a local authority under this section shall bear interest at such rate as the Minister of Finance may approve, and shall be repaid by instalments extending over such period not exceeding ten years as may be agreed on between the Board and the local authority.

(3.) The Board may accept as security for any moneys advanced under this section any debentures or other securities issued by or belonging to the local authority.

(4.) All moneys advanced to a local authority under this section shall be paid by it into a separate account at the bank where its local fund is kept, and shall be expended by the local authority only

for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, its proportion of the cost of construction or reconstruction of a main highway.

Constitution of
highway districts.

3. (1.) Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "divide New Zealand into such number of highway districts as it thinks fit," and substituting the words "constitute such number of highway districts as it thinks fit, and define the boundaries thereof." 5

(2.) The validity of the constitution of any highway district heretofore constituted shall not be questioned on the ground that the area of all the districts taken together did not represent the whole area of New Zealand. 10

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authority of
Board to
contribute towards
cost of
maintenance of
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4. Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso:—

"Provided that the rate limited by this section may be exceeded in any case where the maintenance and repair of the street in respect of which the payment is made involve the maintenance and repair of a bridge not less than three hundred feet in length." 15

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maintenance of
main highways.

5. (1.) Section three of the Main Highways Amendment Act, 1925, is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (d) of subsection one the word "one-half," and substituting the word "three-fifths." 20

(2.) The limit imposed by the said paragraph (d) as amended by the *last preceding* subsection shall not apply in any case where, because of special circumstances relating thereto, the Board determines to increase its contribution towards the cost of the maintenance of any particular main highway. 25

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to Wellington
City and Suburban
Highways
Construction and
Hutt Road
Amendment Act,
1924, the benefit of
contributions
payable from Main
Highways Account.

6. Nothing in the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924, shall be construed to limit or to have limited the obligation or authority to provide from the Main Highways Account a proportion of the cost of the construction, reconstruction, repair, or maintenance of any road or street subject to the provisions of that Act, but nothing herein shall limit the operation of section twenty of the principal Act. 30