The Representation Apportionment Bill .

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A Bill to provide for the periodical apportionment of Representation in the House of Representatives.

Title.

Be IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

I. At the first General Election of Members of the House of Representatives which shall take place after the first day of January in the year 1860, there shall be elected forty-two Members, and at the first General Election which shall take place after the first day of January, 1863, there shall be elected fifty Members ; and the House of Representatives after each such Election shall consist of forty-two and fifty Members respectively.

Number of Members of the House of Representatives.

1865 & 1870

1862   *Henceforth in every 5th year*

Colony to be periodically divided into Electoral Districts.

II. In the year 1860, and ~~in every third year afterwards~~, the Governor shall divide the Colony anew into convenient Electoral Districts, and shall appoint and declare the number of Members to be elected by each such District.

How number of members for each district to be determined.

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III. The extent of the several Districts, and the number of Members to be assigned to each, shall respectively be such that no greater number of Members than three shall be assigned to any one District, and that the number of Members for each District shall bear to the whole number of Members of the House of Representatives as nearly as may be, the same proportion as the number of registered Electors within such District shall bear to the total produced by adding together the number of Electors on each of the several Electoral Rolls of the Colony, and that in no case whatever, at the time of making any such division, shall the number of registered Electors in any one District exceed, or fall short of, by twenty-five the proportion hereinbefore indicated.

Electoral Rolls to be formed for each district.

IV. As often as any such division of the Colony into Electoral districts as aforesaid shall be made, the Governor shall cause an Electoral Roll to be formed for each such district; and for the purpose of forming the same every person whose name shall be on the Roll of any Electoral district in the Colony, shall be placed on the Electoral Roll of the District in which the tenements or hereditaments, in respect of which he shall be registered, shall be situate; and if any person shall be registered as an Elector in respect of tenements or hereditaments situate in more than one of the districts, to be from time to time constituted under this Act, his name shall be placed on the Electoral Roll of each such District.

When to be in force.

V. The division of the Colony into Electoral Districts and the appointment of the number of Members as hereinbefore provided, shall be made by Proclamation, and a day shall be fixed in such Proclamation, ~~not later than the~~ 1st day of May in any year, on which such division and apportionment shall come into force; and from that day the Electoral Roll so made out as aforesaid for each such District shall be the Electoral Roll to be used for such District, until a new Electoral Roll for the same, to be made under the provisions of the law for the time being for the Registration of Electors, shall be in force.

Electoral Roll to be published.

VI. The Governor shall also, at the time of issuing the said Proclamation, cause the Electoral Rolls, formed under the authority of this Act, to be published in such convenient form as he shall think fit.

Short title.

VII. This Act may, for all purposes, be cited as "The Representation Apportionment Act, 1858."

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