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(Hon. Mr. Bowen.)

Representation.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Representation Acts.

Title.

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

- 5 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Representation Act, 1875." **Short Title.**
- 2.** After the Dissolution of the present Parliament, the House of Representatives shall consist of eighty-two Members, over and beyond the four Members to be elected for the Maori Electoral Districts under **House to consist of eighty-two Members.**
- 10 **the provisions of "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," or any Act continuing the same.**
- 3.** For the purposes of the election of the said number of **Existing Electoral Districts confirmed with certain exceptions.**
- 15 **Members of the said House, the Electoral Districts as constituted immediately before the passing of this Act under "The Representation Act, 1870," as amended by "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1871," shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be the Electoral Districts for the purposes aforesaid.**

Number of Members
for each district.

4. The number of Members to be returned by each of the said districts respectively shall be as set forth opposite the name of such district in the Schedule to "The Representation Act, 1870," as amended by "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1871" (which said Acts are hereinafter referred to as "the said Acts"), 5 except where otherwise provided by this Act.

Additional members
to certain districts.

5. In addition to the number of Members now returnable for the under-mentioned Electoral Districts constituted under the said Acts there shall be returned for such districts the number of members set opposite the name of each district as follows:—

"Thames"	1 Member.	10
"Napier"	1 "	
"Grey Valley"	1 "	
"Timaru"	1 "	
"Hokitika"	1 "	15
"Waitaki"	1 "	
"City of Dunedin"	1 "	

The City of Christchurch District as constituted under this Act shall, in addition to the Members now returnable for the Districts of "City of Christchurch East" and "City of Christchurch West," shall 20 return one Member.

New districts con-
stituted.

6. The Electoral Districts of "City of Christchurch East" and "City of Christchurch West," as now constituted under the said Acts, shall together form one Electoral District, and be called by the name of "City of Christchurch District." The Electoral Districts of "Auck- 25 land City East" and "Auckland City West," as now constituted under the said Acts, shall together form one district, and be called by the name of "Auckland City District."

Rolls for the Electoral
districts as existing
immediately before
this Act to remain in
force.

7. Except as provided by this Act, the Electoral Rolls which under the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," 30 came into operation on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, for the Electoral Districts for the election of Members of the said House, as such districts were constituted immediately before the passing of this Act, shall remain in full force and 35 operation.

New rolls to be
formed for altered
districts.

8. Immediately after the passing of this Act officers to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose shall form new Electoral Rolls for the Electoral Districts constituted under this Act.

Mode of forming new
rolls.

9. For the purpose of forming such new Electoral Rolls, the name of every elector registered on any roll which, under the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," is in force on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, whose qualification is in respect of lands and tenements situate within either of the Electoral Districts as constituted immediately before the passing of this Act, and which under this Act together form one Electoral District, shall be placed on the new Electoral Roll or Rolls of the Electoral Districts so constituted under this Act: Provided that if any elector on the former rolls be registered in respect of lands or tenements situate in two or more of the original districts, the Regis- 45 tration Officer may, in forming the new rolls, omit the name of such elector from the roll of either one or more of the new Electoral Districts within which such elector may not appear to the Registration Officer to have a sufficient electoral qualification. 50

Publication and effect
of rolls.

10. Upon such new Electoral Rolls being so formed as last afore- 55 said, the same shall forthwith be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, and shall be published in such convenient manner as the Governor shall direct; and from the day of such publication the Electoral Roll formed for each district shall be the Electoral Roll to be used for such

district for all purposes until a revised Electoral Roll for the same shall be in force under the provisions of the law for the time being in force for the registration of electors.

11. Writs shall be issued for the election of Members of the House of Representatives in the ensuing Parliament for all the Electoral Districts constituted under the said Acts and this Act so soon as the new rolls shall have been formed and published, as hereinbefore provided.

Time of issue of writs.

12. Provided always that, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, if it shall appear to the Governor to be necessary to summon a Parliament before new Electoral Rolls for the Electoral Districts constituted by this Act, for which new rolls are to be formed, shall have been formed and published as hereinbefore provided, it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to issue writs for the election of members of the House of Representatives in like manner as if this Act had not been passed, and in such case no election shall take place under this Act (except such as shall take place under this present provision) until after the dissolution or expiration of the Parliament next succeeding this present Parliament; and in that case the Governor shall, immediately upon such expiration or dissolution, appoint such officers as are mentioned in the eighth section of this Act; and also, in that case, the rolls in force under "The Registration of Electors Act, 1866," at the time of such expiration or dissolution, shall be the rolls from which such officers shall form such new rolls.

If necessary, Governor may issue writs for a new Parliament without reference to this Act.