

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.]  
House of Representatives, 12th October, 1910.

Hon. Mr. Buddo.

RIVER BOARDS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the River Boards Act, 1908.

Title.

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the River Boards Amendment Act, 1910, and shall form part of and be read together with the River Boards Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

River Boards may purchase lands liable to be injuriously affected by river-works.

2. In addition to the powers conferred by section seventy-four of the principal Act, a River Board may purchase or otherwise acquire (but not by compulsory taking) any land which is in danger of being, or is, injuriously affected by any works or operations undertaken or intended to be undertaken by that Board, and the Board may dispose of or otherwise deal with that land or any part thereof as it thinks fit.

Rating Act to apply to rates levied by River Boards.

3. The provisions of the Rating Act, 1908, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the making and levying of rates under the principal Act.

*New.*

4. A claim for compensation in respect of any damage done by the execution of any works authorized under the principal Act may be brought within a period of two years after the execution of the works out of which such claim has arisen or may hereafter arise, notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-seven of the Public Works Act, 1908.

Extended time for making claims.

5. Section one hundred and fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection :—

Audit Office to certify to balance-sheet, &c.

“(3.) The Audit Office shall examine such yearly balance-sheet and statement, and certify to the correctness thereof, either wholly or with such exceptions as it thinks fit, and shall send the same to the Board on or before the thirtieth day of April.”

Section 115 of principal Act amended.

Financial arrangements on abolition or severance of district.

Miscellaneous amendments of principal Act.

Schedule.

*New.*

6. Section one hundred and fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "account," the words "together with the certificate of the Audit Office."

7. (1.) Where a river district is abolished, enlarged, or diminished, the Audit Office, or such person as the Governor may appoint, shall hold an inquiry and make an award apportioning the property of the Board, and the debts, liabilities, and engagements thereof, amongst the boroughs, counties, road districts, and town districts, or portions thereof respectively, in the district so abolished, enlarged, or diminished.

(2.) Any such award may provide for all or any of the matters included in the subject for inquiry, and may declare in whom any property shall be vested, and by whom any moneys shall be paid, or other acts or things done, including the payment by either party of the whole or any part of the expenses of the inquiry; and the person making the award may make and give such directions generally as may be necessary for giving full effect to the objects of the inquiry.

(3.) Every such award shall be final, and shall from the date thereof have the operation of and be enforceable as a judgment of the Supreme Court.

(4.) Nothing in this section shall in any way affect the rights or interests of any bondholder or other creditor of the Board, or shall relieve the ratepayers for the time being in the area comprised in the river district from their liability to pay any special rate made under the principal Act as a security for any loan.

48. The principal Act is hereby amended in manner indicated in the Schedule hereto.

## SCHEDULE.

### MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS OF PRINCIPAL ACT.

Number of Section.	Nature and Extent of Amendment.
Section 6 ...	By omitting the word "two-thirds," and substituting the word "one-fourth."
Section 14 ...	By omitting the word "two-thirds," and substituting the word "one-fourth."
Section 87 ...	By omitting the words "by special order" where those words first occur in subsection one, and again in subsection three; and by omitting the words "special order" in subsection four, and substituting the word "direction."
Section 88 ...	By omitting the words "by special order," in subsection one, and by repealing subsection two thereof.
Section 92 ...	By omitting the words "When any special order making or levying any rate is made by the Board of any district," and substituting the words "When any rate is made and levied by the Board of any district under the foregoing provisions of this Act."