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[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

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SCHOOL COMMITTEES ELECTION.

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A BILL INTITULED

~~AN ACT to regulate the Election of School Committees, and for other purposes amend "The Education Act, 1877."~~

WHEREAS it is expedient ~~to make other provision in the matter of the election of School Committees amend "The Education Act, 1877," in manner hereinafter provided:~~

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

10 1. The Short Title of this Act is ~~"The School Committees Election Act, 1885,"~~ and it shall be read with and as part of ~~"The Education Act, 1877" Amendment Act, 1885."~~

2. The term "the said Act," wherever in this Act occurring, shall mean "The Education Act, 1877."

15 3. Sections sixty-four and sixty-eight of the said Act shall be read as though the word "April" had been originally inserted therein instead of the word "January," and the words "preceding year," in the seventh line of the said section sixty-four, shall mean the year or period ended on the thirty-first day of March next preceding
20 the date of the annual meeting of householders.

4. ~~Section sixty five of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that every elector may exercise as many votes as there are persons required to be elected; but no elector shall be entitled to record more than one vote for any one candidate.~~

New Clause.

School age defined.

4. The definition of school age in section eighty-three of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following words are substituted: "School age" means any age between the years of seven and fifteen years, reckoned in each case from the last-preceding birthday.

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Disqualification.

5. If a member of a School Committee be absent without leave during three consecutive months from all meetings of the Committee, except from temporary illness or other cause to be approved of by the Committee, such person shall cease to be a member of the Committee, and his or her office shall thereupon be vacant.

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Special elections.

6. If by any means the number of members of a School Committee be reduced to less than the number required for a quorum, or if five or more members of any Committee shall signify to the Education Board their desire to be relieved from office, the Board may declare their seats vacant, and may direct an election to be held to fill up the vacancies; and the proceedings in connection with such election shall be the same as in the case of an annual election.

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Child must attend school thirty days in each quarter.

7. Every child required by "The Education Act, 1877," to attend a public school, shall attend such school during at least thirty days in each quarterly school term.

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Onus shall be on parent or guardian of proving that child is attending school.

8. On the hearing of any information or complaint under "The Education Act, 1877," for an order to send children or a child to a public school, or for the recovery of a penalty in respect thereof, the onus shall be on the parent or guardian of such children or child of showing that such children or child have or has attended, or are or is attending, a public school, in accordance with the requirements of the said Act, or that such children or child are or is exempt from such attendance thereunder.

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Certificate of election of member and appointment of clerk.

9. A certificate under the hand of the Chairman or person acting as Chairman of a School Committee, setting forth the name of the clerk or member of Committee by whom the proceedings in the last preceding section shall have been commenced shall be conclusive evidence that such clerk was duly appointed and that such member was duly elected, and it shall not be competent in any such proceedings to inquire into or to dispute the election of the persons acting as members of the School Committee.

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Commencement of Act.

New clause.

10: This Act shall come into operation on the *first* day of *January*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*.