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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 16 December, 1887. STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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1. This Act may be cited as the "Metropolitan Water and Short title, interpre-Sewerage Act Amendment Act of 1887;" and in it the expression tation, &c. 20 "Principal Act" means the "Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act 312— of

of 1880." "Prescribed" means prescribed by by-laws or regulations made under the said last-mentioned Act; and all other expressions used in this Act shall have the respective meanings which they have under the Principal Act. The several Parts into which this Act is 5 divided are intended to be read with the corresponding Parts of the Principal Act.

2. On the passing of this Act the one hundred and thirty-eighth Repeal of enactments. and one hundred and fortieth sections of the Principal Act shall be

repealed.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act, the Board Provision for early of Water Supply and Sewerage shall be constituted within sixty constitution of Board days after the passing of this Act by the appointment, within that period, of the President and two other members of the Board by the Governor, and by the election, on the first day of February, one

15 thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, of the two city and two suburban members, mentioned in the fifth section of the said Principal Act. Provided always that, for such first election, only the mayors and aldermen of the boroughs and municipal districts enumerated in the first Schedule hereto, and the mayor and aldermen of the Muni-

20 cipal Council of the city of Sydney shall be qualified as electors. The Board so constituted shall, for all purposes, but subject to the provisions of this Act, be a Board within the meaning and for the

purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(II) Subject to all other provisions of the fourteenth section 25 of the Principal Act, the places and time for holding the first elections of city and suburban members shall be appointed by the Governor, and notified in the Gazette at least fourteen clear days before the date of the holding thereof, pursuant to this Act; and such places and time shall also be notified in at least two newspapers circulating in the 30 Metropolitan Police District.

(III) The public notices to be given by each Returning Officer, pursuant to the seventeenth section of the Principal Act, shall for the purposes of such first elections be so given ten clear days before the holding of the said elections; and such notices shall require

35 that the names of all candidates and their proposers shall be forwarded to each Returning Officer within seven days from the date of such notices.

4. (1) For the purposes of all elections held subsequent to the Provision for elections mentioned in the last preceding section of this Act, the subsequent elections, 40 expression "corresponding day and month in every second year," used in the thirteenth section of the Principal Act, shall mean the day and month of February in each such year corresponding to the day on which the elections shall have been held pursuant to the last preceding section of this Act.

(II) The Mayors and Aldermen of all Municipalities now or hereafter established within the county of Cumberland, and supplied with water from the conduit, or of which the respective Councils shall have agreed with the Board to be so supplied, shall, at all subse-

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55 constituted, if such act, matter, thing, proceedings, assessment, or rate were done, commenced, made, or struck (as the case may be), by at least a quorum of the said Board.

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PART V.

7. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, any works for Water Saving of powers. 15 Supply which the Board is empowered to carry out, pursuant to Transfer of Part V of the Principal Act, may be carried out by the Minister, or by waterworks. any authority empowered by statute to carry out Public Works; but the provisions for the transfer of any such works for Water Supply to a local authority contained in such Part shall not be carried out unless 20 all the Members of the Board, by writing addressed to the Governor, recommend such transfer to be carried out.

PARTS VI, VII, AND GENERALLY.

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COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

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40	Ashfield	Randwick	
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45 50	Camperdown	St. Leonards	
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