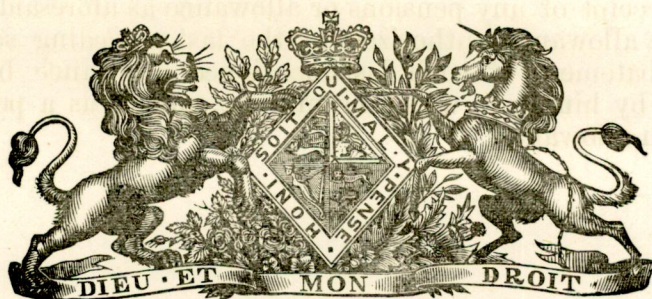


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 July, 1887.* }

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to authorize the Payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act" and shall come into force upon the day on which the writs for the next General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly held after the passing of this Act shall be made returnable. Short title and commencement of Act.

10 2. Every Member of the Legislative Assembly elected to serve therein on or after the day on which this Act shall come into force shall unless he is one of the persons specified or referred to in the next following section be entitled to receive by way of reimbursement for expenses incurred by him in the discharge by him of his Parliamentary duties an allowance at the rate of three hundred pounds per annum which allowance shall be charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund and be payable to such Member from the time of taking his seat in the Assembly until he shall resign or vacate his seat or until Parliament shall be dissolved or shall expire by effluxion of time. Allowance to Members of Legislative Assembly.

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Parliamentary Representatives Allowance.

3. No Member of the said Assembly shall be entitled to the said allowance or any portion thereof while holding any office of profit specified in the Schedule to the "Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884" or any other office of profit under the Crown the acceptance of which shall render vacant the seat of the person accepting the same or while in the receipt of any official salary as Speaker of the said Assembly or as Chairman of Committees thereof or while in the receipt of any pension or allowance granted under any Act authorizing the grant of superannuation allowances or pensions to officers in the Public Service Provided always that every Member of the said Assembly so in receipt of any pensions or allowance as aforesaid shall be entitled to the allowance authorized by the last preceding section subject to the abatement of such last-mentioned allowance by the amount received by him or to which he may be entitled as a pension or superannuation allowance.

Exceptions.

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1887.

Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE
BILL.

(Amendments to be proposed in Committee of the Whole by
MR. CREED.)

Clause 1, line 6. *Omit* all words after the word "force" and *insert*
" on the passing hereof but no payment shall be made to
" any Member of the Legislative Assembly under its authority
" unless an Affirmative Vôte as hereinafter described shall
" have been duly taken at each General Election of Members
" to serve in such Assembly held after the passing of this
" Act and in that case such payment shall only be made
" during the existence of such Assembly so thereupon elected."

After clause 1. *Insert* the following new clauses:—

2. At every General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly held after the passing of this Act a vote of the electors shall be taken upon the question whether it is the will of such electors that the Members to be elected at such General Election shall be paid If there shall be a majority of votes in the affirmative (herein termed an Affirmative Vote) this Act shall come into full operation during the existence of the Assembly elected at such election but no longer And the same effect shall be given to every affirmative vote given at every subsequent General Election But if there shall be a majority of such votes in the negative on any such General Election then during the existence of the Assembly elected at such election no payment under the said Act shall be made to any Member of such Assembly.

Conditions &c.
precedent to
operation of Act.

3. Before and in time for every such General Election instead of the form of voting paper described in section thirty-one of the "Electoral Act of 1880" the Returning Officer shall cause to be printed or written ballot-papers according to the form hereunto subjoined—

Form of voting paper
at General Elections.

BALLOT PAPER.	
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF	
POLLING DAY THE	DAY OF 18
<i>Names of Candidates.</i>	

<i>Question proposed pursuant to the "Parliamentary Representatives Allowance Act."</i>	
<i>Are you in favour of Payment of Members?</i>	{ YES. { NO.

And the Returning Officer shall supply to the Presiding Officer of each polling-place so many of such ballot-papers as shall be fully equal to the number of electors likely to vote at such polling-place And shall keep for himself a sufficient number for the polling-place at which he is to preside.

Application of certain provisions of Electoral Act.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act all the requirements and provisions of the "Electoral Act of 1880" prescribing or referring to the procedure to be observed at Elections held thereunder shall apply to the taking of votes at General Elections for the purposes of this Act and the said Electoral Act shall hereafter be read with and as amended by this Act Provided always that every elector in addition to the requirements contained in section thirty-four of the said Electoral Act shall on his ballot-paper answer the question at the foot thereof by striking out either the word "Yes" or the word "No" according as he desires to answer such question in the affirmative or negative but in case such elector is unable to read or is blind the Presiding Officer shall strike out the word which such elector shall desire to be struck out.

When ballot-paper to be informal.

5. Every ballot-paper at any such General Election shall be dealt with as informal if the question at the foot of the same is not answered either in the affirmative or negative or if the answer thereto is unintelligible or illegible.

Procedure for ascertainment of answers.

6. Each Presiding Officer other than the Returning Officer shall in manner provided by the fortieth section of the said Electoral Act count the affirmative and also the negative answers shown on each ballot-paper in addition to counting the votes given for candidates and shall on declaring the poll declare also the number of answers given on the ballot-papers in the affirmative and the number in the negative and so far as respects such answers such declaration shall be final and conclusive Provided always that the declaration of the numbers of such answers shall be endorsed on the writs by the Returning Officers when returning the same to the Governor.

Clause 2, line 11. *Omit* the words "day on which this Act shall come into force" and *insert* the words following "respective days on which the writs for any General Election held after the passing of this Act shall be made returnable and on being returned shall show by the indorsements thereon as hereinbefore provided that an affirmative vote has been taken at such election"