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,

F. W. WEBB, Sydney, 30 September, 1896. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No.

An Act to amend the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892.

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:

1. (1) The rates for water, and all sums due to the Board in Rates and charges respect of water supply (including rates and sums due in respect of for water. the twelve months commencing the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six), may be enforced and recovered in respect of all preperty situated as hereinafter described:-

(a) Where property, some part of which has frontage to or abuts on a street or public highway, along which a water-pipe of 10 the Board is laid, is wholly or partly situate within four hundred and forty yards from the water-pipe, the whole of the property or the part situate within the said distance (as the case may be) shall be subject to the rate, although such 15 property may not be actually supplied with water from any main or conduit: Provided that property as aforesaid shall not be ratable if it cannot be supplied with water from a stand-pipe at least three feet high from the natural surface 20 of the ground at the building line.

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(b) Where property is wholly or partly situate within the said distance, but has no frontage to a street or public highway along which a water-pipe of the Board is laid, the said property although it be not actually supplied with water from any main or conduit shall be subject to the rate if the Board causes a main or service-pipe to be laid to some part of the said land through the land of other owners as hereinafter provided or otherwise: Provided that property as aforesaid shall not be ratable if it cannot be supplied with water at some point on the property from a stand-pipe at least three feet in height.

(II) In any case where ratable property has not a frontage Power of Board to to, and does not abut on, the street or highway as aforesaid, and the lay pipes and drains owner or occupier is not able to obtain the consent of the owner and property.

15 occupier of the land intervening between his property and the waterpipe to the laying of a main or service-pipe through such land to his property or to necessary repairs or alterations thereto or the removal thereof, the Board may enter upon such intervening land and carry out the work on his behalf and at his cost, and for the purpose thereof

20 the provisions of section forty-three of the Principal Act shall be applicable; but any amount which may be paid by or recovered from the Board for compensation as therein provided shall not be recoverable from the owner of the ratable property.

(III) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act, all Property of Railway 25 property vested in the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales Commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of the Principal Act and this Act, be ratable property within the meaning of those Acts.

2. Where property ratable under the Principal Act or this Act Assessment of is part of a larger area included in any valuation of a borough or ratable property part of a larger area 30 municipal district, the Board may cause an assessment of the ratable included in a property to be made, and may determine, make, and levy the rate to municipal valuation. be paid in respect of the same, subject to the provisions of the said Acts. And the provisions of subsections (I) to (VI) of section ninetyfive of the Principal Act shall apply to any assessment made as 35 aforesaid. The provisions of this section shall apply to and in respect of valuations and assessments made at any time after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninty-six, and in respect of rates due in respect of the twelve months commencing on the said

day. 3. In this Act— Definitions. "Principal Act" means the Hunter District Water Supply and

Sewerage Act of 1892.

"Property" means lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

4. This Act may be cited as the "Hunter District Water short title. 45 Supply (Amendment) Act, 1896."

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