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# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

# No. XXV.

An Act to amend the Electoral Law. [Assented to, 10th November, 1896.]

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 :-

Residential qualification; Provisional List; Vote on change of residence.

1. The period of residence in a District necessary to entitle a Period of residence person to an Elector's Right under section thirty-eight of the Principal reduced to one month. Act shall hereafter be one month instead of three months.

2. The Registrar of each District shall immediately upon the Transferred Elector's issue of an Elector's Right under section thirty-eight of the Principal for new district. Act inquire in writing in the prescribed form from the Registrar of the District for which the applicant previously held an Elector's Right, as to whether the applicant is then duly enrolled for such District; and if the applicant is then so enrolled, the Registrar of such last-mentioned District shall issue a certificate in the prescribed form accompanied by his statutory declaration of the truth and accuracy thereof, and transmit the same to the Registrar making such inquiry, and such last-mentioned Registrar shall upon receipt of such certificate and declaration enter the name of the applicant on a Roll to be called the Additional Roll for the District in respect of which the Elector's Right under section thirty-eight aforesaid has been issued.

Persons on Additional Roll to have same rights as if on General Roll.

3. All persons whose names have been duly entered upon the Additional Roll shall be entitled to the same rights under the Principal Act, and any Act amending the same and under this Act, as if their names were then entered upon the General Roll.

The names of persons to whom Electors' Rights are issued Provisional List.

4. (1) The Registrar of each District shall, so soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, enter upon a List, to be kept by under s. 36 or s. 38 of him and called the Provisional List, the name of every person to the Principal Act to whom an Elector's Right has been issued for such District under section thirty-six or section thirty-eight of the Principal Act subsequent to the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and prior to the commencement of this Act, and shall enter thereon from the butt of such Elector's Right the prescribed particulars.

(II) When hereafter an Elector's Right is issued to any person upon application under section thirty-six of the Principal Act, the Registrar shall forthwith enter upon the Provisional List the name of the said person, and the prescribed particulars from the butt of the

Elector's Right:

Provided that no entry shall be made in the Provisional List for any District or on the Additional Roll in the interval between the issue of the writ for an Election in such District and the declaration of the poll for such Election, but the names of any persons to whom Electors' Rights are issued under the said sections in such interval shall be entered in the List forthwith after the day of election.

At the date of making out any General List all names on the

Additional Roll shall be entered therein.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act, it shall not hereafter be necessary to make out any Supplementary List.

5. The Registrar of each District shall, during the first week of when to be printed each month, cause copies of the Provisional List to be transmitted to and where exhibited. each person in charge of a post-office or police-office within the district. The person in charge of such post-office or police-office shall cause the List to be exhibited in some conspicuous position within or outside such post-office or police-office.

6. A stipendiary or police magistrate, to be appointed as a revising magistrate by the Governor, shall, during each month, on days to be notified by the Registrar of the District in the prescribed manner, hold a Revision Court within each District for the revision of

the Provisional List.

The Registrar or any person then entitled to vote in the District may in the prescribed manner object to the name of any person being retained on the Provisional List, and notice of objections so made shall be given in the prescribed manner to the person whose name is objected to.

The magistrate holding the Court shall hear and determine all objections made as aforesaid, and shall expunge from the List the names of all persons not entitled to vote at an election within the District, and the provisions of the Principal Act with regard to the procedure before the Revision Courts thereby constituted shall, so far as possible, apply to the Court held under this section.

The List when signed and certified as correct by the magistrate shall be transmitted by him to the Registrar of the district, who shall

enter the names thereon on the Additional Roll.

7. An Elector who has changed his residence from the District for which he is enrolled to another District shall not on that account be debarred from voting at an Election for the District for which he is enrolled, until a period of one month has elapsed from such change of residence: Provided that in any case where the issue of a writ for an Election prevents an Elector getting his name placed on the Additional Roll in the new electorate his Right to record his vote in the old electorate shall hold good until after such Election.

Supplementary List need not be made

Provisional List

Objections to name of person on the Provisional List.

Elector who has moved to a new Dis-trict may vote for his old District for a period of one month.

8. Applications under section thirty-six, section thirty-eight, or Applications under section thirty-nine of the Principal Act for an Elector's Right, instead of Principal Act may of being made personally may be made by sending through the post be made by post. office to the Registrar an application in the form prescribed signed by the applicant, or if he is a marksman, marked by his distinguishing mark witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. Each application shall contain the answers to the questions required by the section of the Principal Act under which it is made as amended by this Act, and the truth of the answers shall be verified by a solemn declaration subscribed before and attested by a Justice of the Peace and sent with the application.

On receipt of an application made by post, together with the declaration aforesaid, the Registrar shall, on being satisfied as to the qualifications of the applicant, issue the Elector's Right by causing the same to be delivered to the applicant by some person authorised by the Chief Electoral Officer in writing under his hand, on the applicant signing his name on the face and on the butt of the Elector's

Right:

Provided that no right applied for by post shall be issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act, unless the applicant has delivered to the Registrar the Elector's Right then held by him, or under section thirty-nine, unless the applicant has delivered to the Registrar any Right which is torn or defaced; and until the Registrar has ascertained the number and date of the Right lost, torn, or defaced, and has entered the same number and date in the body and butt of the Right.

Any applicant who knowingly makes a false statement in such Punishment for declaration or a false answer to such question as aforesaid shall, false answer upon conviction before any Court of summary jurisdiction, be liable

to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months.

## Currency of Electors' Rights.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act all Electors' Rights to Electors' Rights, whether issued before or after the commencement of remain in force until this Act, shall remain in force until the thirty forth land. this Act, shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred, unless cancelled in the prescribed manner. And notwithstanding anything contained in section forty of the said Act, all Electors' Rights issued before or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred, shall continue and remain in force, subject to the conditions prescribed in section forty of the Principal Act, with the following exceptions:—

(a) The General List shall be made out from the butts of Electors' Rights in the year one thousand nine hundred, and in each

third year thereafter.

(b) The Elector's Right, to be tendered and stamped in accordance with subsection (I) of section forty aforesaid, shall be an Elector's Right issued either before or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred.

#### Amendments of Principal Act.

10. The Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:— Amendments of Section thirty-eight by the omission of the words "three months" Principal Act. in question (3) subsection (1) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "month."

Section thirty-nine in subsection (1) by the omission of the words "qualified according to the tenor or purport thereof," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which such Right was issued"

issued"; and in subsection (III) by the omission of the words "qualified to vote according to the tenor of the Original Right" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which the Original Right was issued."

Section forty-nine, subsection (II), by the omission of the word "produce," and the insertion of the words "cause to be produced," and the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act personal attendance of an applicant for enrolment at a Revision Court shall not be required except in cases where an objection has been lodged."

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Section eighty-six by the omission of the words "or voting-paper." Section ninety by the omission of the words "ballot or voting-paper," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "ballot-paper," and further by the omission of the words "such ballot-paper or voting-paper" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "the ballot-paper."

Section ninety-one by the omission of the words "either in more than one Division of the same District or," and of the words "Division or."

Section ninety-five by the omission of the words "the Division of" and the words "or Deputy of the Division."

Section ninety-six by the insertion in question (1) of the words "or Provisional List" after the word "Roll."

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be deemed to be a ballot-paper."

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Section one hundred and three by the omission of the words "distinguishing in each case ballot-papers from voting-papers."

Section one hundred and four by the omission of the words "or voting-paper" wherever they occur.

And section ninety-seven and Schedule G of the Principal Act are hereby repealed.

#### Miscellaneous.

Lists of names objected to not to be four, subsection (v) of the Principal Act as therein provided, the Registrar shall, by advertisement in the newspaper published or circulating in the District, give notice that a copy of such List is posted outside each post-office and court-house of the District, and Repeal of Act 58 Vic. may be inspected at the office of the Registrar; and the Act fifty-No. 1.

12. Schedule A to this Act shall be used for transferred Electors' Form of Elector's Right. Rights issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act.

13. Where in this or the Principal Act a Division is mentioned, Division in certain the expression shall, in cases where a District has not been subdivided cases to District. into Divisions, be taken to mean the District, unless such meaning would be inconsistent with the context.

14. The Governor may abolish any Divisions into which any Districts need not be Districts have before the commencement of this Act been divided; and subdivided into Divisions. it shall not be necessary hereafter to subdivide any Districts into

15. In order to give due effect to the meaning and intent of the Governor may make provisions contained in this Act, the Governor may, by regulations, regulations. provide for any proceeding, matter, or thing for which express provision has not been herein made; and all such regulations shall, on being published in the Gazette, have the full force of law, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication if Parliament be then sitting, and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

16. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Electorates Short title. and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896," and in its construction Definition. "Principal Act" means the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and this Act shall be read with and taken to be portion

of the Principal Act.

#### SCHEDULES.

#### SCHEDULE A.

[To be printed in red ink.]

Electoral District of

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No.

Elector's Right.

of [add occupation] whose name is signed hereunder, is, if enrolled, entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Assembly in the

above District, being qualified in respect of Manhcod

Electoral District of

(1) What are your Christian names, surname, residence (including the street, and the number or name (if any) of the house in which he resides), and occupation?

(2) Are you of the full age of twenty-one years?
(3) Are you a natural-born or a naturalised subject, and which?
(4) (If a natural-born subject) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right?
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(5) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in this Electoral District for a continuous period of one month immediately prior to this date?
(6) Huve you before received an Elector's Right in any District in New South Wales? [and if the answer be "Yes,"] in what District?

(A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed.

day of

and of Residence in such District.

The holder hereof [name in full]

(Date)

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(A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed.

No.

SCHEDULE B.

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of

I, [christian name and surname], of [residence] hereby give notice that I object to the name of A.B. being retained on the Provisional List for the District of , on the following grounds:—

(Signature.) (Date.)

By Authority: WILLIAM APPLEGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1896.

[6d.]

add occupation] whose enrolled, entitled to the Assembly in the respect of Manhood

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I Certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 3 November, 1896.

F. W. WEBB. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

> WILLIAM McCOURT, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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16. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Electorates Short title and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896," and in its construction "Principal Act" means the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and this Act shall be read with and taken to be portion of the Principal Act.

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(A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed.

Elector's Right.

Electoral District of

The holder hereof [name in full]

of [add occupation] whose name is signed hereunder, is, if enrolled, entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Assembly in the above District, being qualified in respect of Manhood and of Residence in such District.

(A.B.), Registrar.

No.

(C.D.), abovenamed.

, 18 . The day of

(Date)

#### SCHEDULE B.

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of

I, [christian name and surname], of [residence] hereby give notice that I object to the name of A.B. being retained on the Provisional List for the District of , on the following grounds:—

(Signature.)
(Date.)

By virtue of a Deputation from His Excellency the Governor, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 10th November, 1896.

# PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE showing the Legislative Assembly's Amendments upon the Legislative Council's Amendments, referred to in Message of 28 October, 1896.

F. W. WEBB, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 2.4, lines 19 and 20. Omit "under the provisions of section two "hereof"

Page 6, clause 20. 10, line 58. After "produced" add "and the addition of the "following words at the end thereof: 'Notwithstanding anything "contained in this Act personal attendance of an applicant for enrolment "at a Revision Court shall not be required except in cases where an "objection has been lodged"

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#### SCHEDULE of Amendments referred to in Message of 27th October, 1896.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. After "Right" insert "under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act" Page 1. After clause 1 insert new clauses 2 and 3

Page 2, clause 2. 4, line 14. Omit "or section thirty-eight"
Page 2, clause 2. 4, line 19. After "District" insert "or on the Additional Roll under the provisions " of section two hereof"

Page 2, clause 2. 4, lines 25 to 28. Omit "(III) A person whose name has been entered upon the "Provisional List for any District shall be deemed for all purposes duly enrolled on the General

"Roll for the District until the next General Roll is printed"

Page 2, clause 2. 4, line 30. Omit "Provisional List" insert "Additional Roll"

Page 2, clause 2. 4, lines 30 to 32. Omit "and on the next General Roll being printed all names so entered "in the General List shall be struck off the Provisional List by the Registrar"

Page 2, clause 3. 5, line 36. Omit "the months of November, February, and May of each year" insert " each month"

Page 2, clause 3.5, lines 37 and 38. Omit "printed and shall, as soon as practicable after the list is "printed, sign and transmit a copy" insert "transmitted"

Page 3, clause 3.5 lines 30 or it "to a copy" insert "transmitted"

Page 2, clause 3. 5, line 39. Omit "and" insert "or" Page 2, clause 3. 5, lines 40 to 43. Omit "and notify by one advertisement in some newspaper published "or circulated in the district that copies of the list printed as aforesaid are in his custody and "open to inspection at his office, and at any post-offices and police-offices within the district"

Page 2, clause 3. 5, line 44. Omit "post-offices and police-offices" insert "post-office or police-office"

Page 2, clause 3. 5, line 45. Omit "printed"

Page 2, clause 4. Omit telegraph of the series of the list printed as aforesaid are in his custody and "open to inspection at his office, and at any post-offices and police-office or police-office"

Page 2, clause 4. Omit clause 4. Omit remainder of clause insert "post-office or police-office"

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Page 2, clause 4. Omit clause 4 insert new clause 6
Page 3, clause 5, 7, line 26. Omit "Provisional List" insert "Additional Roll"

Page 3, clause 5. 7. At end of clause add "until after such election"
Page 3, clause 6. 8, line 36. After "declaration" insert "subscribed before and attested by a Justice
"of the Peace and"

Page 4, clause 7. 9, line 3. Omit "passing" insert "commencement"
Page 4, clause 7. 9, line 4. After "until" insert "the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine
"hundred unless"

Page 4, clause 7. 9, line 6. After "manner" omit remainder of clause insert "And notwithstanding "anything contained in section forty of the said Act, all Electors' Rights issued before " or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred, shall continue " and remain in force, subject to the conditions prescribed in section forty of the Principal " Act, with the following exceptions:

"(a) The General List shall be made out from the butts of Electors' Rights in the

" year one thousand nine hundred, and in each third year thereafter

"(b) The Elector's Right, to be tendered and stamped in accordance with subsec-"tion (i) of section forty aforesaid, shall be an Elector's Right issued either " before or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred"

Pages 4 to 6, clauses 8 to 19. Omit clauses 8 to 19

Page 6, clause 20. 10, lines 31 to 38. Omit "Section twenty-three in subsection (I) by the omission of the "words 'three months' and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words 'one month.' Section "words 'three months' and the insertion, in fleu thereot, of the words 'one month. Section "thirty-six by the omission of the words 'three months' in subsection (III) and the insertion, in "lieu thereof, of the words 'one month,' and by the omission of question (7) in subsection (III), "and of the words 'the back of' in the said subsection and in subsection (IV)"

Page 6, clause 20. 10, lines 39 to 44. Omit "'he is enrolled' in subsection (I) and the insertion, in lieu "thereof, of the words 'an Elector's Right was issued to him' and by the omission of the words "of his original enrolment' in subsection (II) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words 'for "the words' and by the omission of the words"

"'which it was issued,' and by the omission of the words"

Page 6, clause 20. 10. After line 55 insert "Section forty-nine subsection (ii) by the omission of the "word 'produce' and the insertion of the words 'cause to be produced'"

Page 7, clause 20. 10, line 39. Omit "forty and"

Page 7, clause 20. 12 line 40. Omit "Schedule A to the Principal Act is hereby repealed and"

Page 7, clause 22. 12, line 49. Omit "forty and"
Page 7, clause 22. 12, line 49. Omit "Schedule A to the Principal Act is hereby repealed and"
Page 7, clause 22. 12, line 50. Omit "E" insert "A"
Page 7, clause 22. 12, line 50. After "Act" omit remainder of clause insert "shall be used for Transferred Electors' Rights issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act"

Page 8, clause 26. 16. At end of clause add "and this Act shall be read with, and taken to be portion " of, the Principal Act"

Pages 9 and 10, Schedules A to D. Omit Schedules A to D.
Page 10, Schedule £ A, line 31. Omit "E" insert "A"
Page 11, Schedule £ B, line 1. Omit "F" insert "B"
Page 11, Schedule £ B, line 4. Omit "Electoral Roll" insert "Provisional List"

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, 27 August, 1896, A.M.

F. W. WEBB, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 27th October, 1896. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

# New South Wales.



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# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

# No.

An Act to amend the Electoral Law.

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 Residential qualification; Provisional List; Vote on change of residence.
  - 1. The period of residence in a District necessary to entitle a Period of residence person to an Elector's Right under section thirty-eight of the Principal reduced to one Act shall hereafter be one month instead of three months.
- 2. The Registrar of each Distict shall immediately upon the Transferred issue of an Elector's Right under section thirty-eight of the Principal Elector's Right to Act inquire in writing in the prescribed form from the Registrar of the new district. District for which the applicant previously held an Elector's Right, as to whether the applicant is then duly enrolled for such District; and if the
- 15 applicant is then so enrolled, the Registrar of such last-mentioned District shall issue a certificate in the prescribed form accompanied by his statutory declaration of the truth and accuracy thereof, and transmit the same to the Registrar making such inquiry, and such last-mentioned Registrar shall upon receipt of such certificate and declaration enter the
- 20 name of the applicant on a Roll to be called the Additional Roll for the District in respect of which the Elector's Right under section thirty-eight aforesaid has been issued.

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3. All persons whose names have been duly entered upon the Persons on Additional Roll shall be entitled to the same rights under the Principal Additional Roll to have same Act and any Act amending the same and under this Act as if their rights as if on names were then entered upon the General Roll.

2. 4. (1) The Registrar of each District shall, so soon as may be The names of persons after the commencement of this Act, enter upon a List, to be kept by to whom Electors' him and called the Provisional List, the name of every person to under s. 36 or s. 38 of whom an Elector's Right has been issued for such District under section be entered on the better than the provisional List. thirty-six or section thirty-eight of the Principal Act subsequent to Provisional List.

10 the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and prior to the commencement of this Act, and shall enter thereon from the butt of such Elector's Right the prescribed particulars.

(II) When hereafter an Elector's Right is issued to any person upon application under section thirty-six or section thirty-eight of the 15 Principal Act, the Registrar shall forthwith enter upon the Provisional List the name of the said person, and the prescribed particulars from the butt of the Elector's Right:

Provided that no entry shall be made in the Provisional List for any District or on the Additional Roll under the provisions of 20 section two hereof in the interval between the issue of the writ for an Election in such District and the declaration of the poll for such Election, but the names of any persons to whom Electors' Rights are issued under the said sections in such interval shall be entered in the List forthwith after the day of election.

(III) A person whose name has been entered upon the Provisional List for any District shall be deemed for all purposes duly enrolled on the General Roll for the District until the next General Roll is printed.

At the date of making out any General List all names on the 30 Provisional List Additional Roll shall be entered therein, and on the next-General-Roll-being-printed-all-names-so-entered in the General-List shall be struck-off-the Provisional List by the Registrar.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act, it shall not hereafter be necessary to make out any Supplementary List.

3. 5. The Registrar of each District shall, during the first week of Supplementary List the months of November, February, and May of each year, each month, need not be made out. cause copies of the Provisional List to be printed, and shall, as soon as Provisional Listpracticable after the list is printed, sign and transmit a copy transmitted when to be printed to each person in charge of a post-office and or police-office within the 40 district, and notify by one-advertisement in some newspaper published or

circulated in the district that copies of the list printled as aforesaid are in his custody and open to inspection at his office, and at any postoffices and police offices within the district. The person in charge of such post offices and police offices post-office or police-office shall cause the 45 printed List to be exhibited in some conspicuous position within or outside such post-offices-and police-offices post-office or police-office.

4. Any person who is of opinion that the name of any other Objection to name of person is improperly on a Provisional List may apply to have such person on the Provisional List. name expunged by delivering or causing to be delivered to the Registrar

50 a notice of objection to the effect of Schedule F hereto, and the Registrar shall refer the matter in such manner and within such time as may be prescribled to a Stipendiary or Police Malgistrate who, after giving notice in the prescribed manner to the applicant and to the

person objected to, and after taking such material evidence as he may
55 think necessary shall, if satisfied that such person is not entitled to
have his name retained on the said List as a duly
order his name to be expunged, and the Registrar shall expunge the same accordingly. 6.

6. A stipendiary or police magistrate, to be appointed as a revising magistrate by the Governor, shall, during each month, on days to be notified by the Registrar of the District in the prescribed manner, hold a Revision Court within each District for the revision of the 5 Provisional List.

The Registrar or any person then entitled to vote in the District may in the prescribed manner object to the name of any person being retained on the Provisional List, and notice of objections so made shall be given in the prescribed manner to the person whose name is

10 objected to.

The magistrate holding the Court shall hear and determine all objections made as aforesaid, and shall expunge from the List the names of all persons not entitled to vote at an election within the District, and the provisions of the Principal Act with regard to the procedure 15 before the Revision Courts thereby constituted shall, so far as possible, apply to the Court held under this section.

The List when signed and certified as correct by the magistrate shall be transmitted by him to the Registrar of the District, who shall

enter the names thereon on the Additional Roll.

5. 7. An Elector who has changed his residence from the District for Elector who has which he is enrolled to another District shall not on that account be moved to a new District may vote for his debarred from voting at an Election for the District for which he is old District for a enrolled, until a period of one month has elapsed from such change period of one of recidence. of residence: Provided that in any case where the issue of a writ for

25 an Election prevents an Elector getting his name placed on the Provisional-List Additional Roll in the new electorate his Right to record his vote in the old electorate shall hold good until after such Election.

6. 8. Applications under section thirty-six, section thirty-eight, or Applications under section thirty-nine of the Principal Act for an Elector's Right, instead of Principal Act may 30 of being made personally may be made by sending through the post be made by post. office to the Registrar an application in the form prescribed signed by the applicant, or if he is a marksman, marked by his distinguishing mark witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. Each application shall

contain the answers to the questions required by the section of the 35 Principal Act under which it is made as amended by this Act, and the truth of the answers shall be verified by a solemn declaration subscribed before and attested by a Justice of the Peace and sent with

the application.

On receipt of an application made by post, together with the 40 declaration aforesaid, the Registrar shall, on being satisfied as to the qualifications of the applicant, issue the Elector's Right by causing the same to be delivered to the applicant by some person authorised by the Chief Electoral Officer in writing under his hand, on the applicant signing his name on the face and on the butt of the Elector's 45 Right:

Provided that no right applied for by post shall be issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act, unless the applicant has delivered to the Registrar the Elector's Right then held by him, or under section thirty-nine, unless the applicant has delivered to the

50 Registrar any Right which is torn or defaced; and until the Registrar has ascertained the number and date of the Right lost, torn, or defaced, and has entered the same number and date in the body and butt of the Right.

Any applicant who knowingly makes a false statement in such Punishment for 55 declaration or a false answer to such question as aforesaid shall, false answer or declaration. upon conviction before any Court of summary jurisdiction, be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months.

Currency

#### Currency of Electors' Rights.

7. 9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act Electors' Rights to all Electors' Rights, whether issued before or after the passing remain in force until commencement of this Act, shall remain in force until the thirty-first 5 day of December, one thousand nine hundred, unless cancelled in the prescribed manner, and no renewal thereof shall be necessary. And notwithstanding anything contained in section forty of the said Act, all Electors' Rights issued before or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred, shall continue and remain in force, subject 10 to the conditions prescribed in section forty of the Principal Act, with the following exceptions:-

(a) The General List shall be made out from the butts of Electors' Rights in the year one thousand nine hundred, and in each

third year thereafter.

(b) The Elector's Right, to be tendered and stamped in accordance with subsection (i) of section forty aforesaid, shall be an Elector's Right issued either before or after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred.

#### Absent Electors.

8. (1) Any Elector who has reason to believe that he will be certificate to be absent from his District on any polling-day shall be entitled at any granted. time after the issue of the writ for an Election to obtain a certificate in the form of Schedule A hereto, from the Returning Officer of such District, that he is enrolled as an Elector upon the Electoral Roll, and

25 is entitled to vote at the forthcoming Election for the District.

(II) Application for a certificate shall be made personally by Declaration on declaration before the Returning Officer or through the post by application to be declaration made and subscribed before and attested by a Justice of the Peace in one of the forms, as the case may be, of Schedule B

30 hereto.

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(III) The Returning Officer may refuse to grant a certificate Returning Officer if not satisfied, on reference to the check roll, of the right of the may refuse to grant a certificate and reference to the check roll, of the right of the certificate. applicant to vote by the name enrolled.

9. (I) The certificate shall be made on the back of an envelope Certificate to be handed to applicant or forwarded by post. 35 to be used in the manner hereinafter directed.

(II) The Returning Officer shall hand, or forward as a registered letter through the post, as the case may be, to the Elector, the said certificate, together with the voting-paper, with instructions endorsed thereon explaining the method of voting.

(III) The voting-papers shall be in the form given in Schedule C hereto with a counterfoil attached thereto for the number of the Elector's Right, the signature of the Elector, and that of the

postmaster witnessing the same.

(IV) The Returning Officer shall also supply the Elector 45 with an envelope, duly addressed to the Returning Officer at the principal polling-place of the District; and the Elector shall enclose therein the certificate and voting-paper witnessed and stamped.

(v) The Elector making personal application for a certificate shall sign his name in a book provided for that purpose in the form 50 prescribed in Schedule D, acknowledging the receipt of the certificate and voting-paper, and shall produce his Elector's Right for comparison of signature.

VI) The Returning Officer shall initial all voting-papers issued, and shall place in the receipt-book numbers in consecutive 55 order opposite the names of all persons to whom certificates are granted, writing the corresponding number on the counterfoil of the voting-paper, and such receipt-book shall contain the particulars set out in Schedule D hereto.

(VII) Where the application is made through the post the Returning Officer shall number the application for the certificate, and at the scrutiny comparison shall be made between the signature on the counterfoil attached to the voting-paper and the signature to the 5 application.

10. The Elector shall, when voting through the post office, Name of candidate to indicate the candidate for whom he intends to vote by writing the be written

name of such candidate on the inside of the voting-paper:

Provided that it shall be sufficient, where no two candidates 10 have the same surname, for the elector to write the surname only of the candidate in voting, and any mistake in spelling of the surname, where the intention is clear, shall not prevent the vote being counted.

11. (I) The Elector intending to vote through the post office Elector to sign his shall in the presence only of the postmaster sign his name on the name in the presence of postmaster.

15 counterfoil of the voting-paper, and present the voting-paper folded up.

Such signature shall be witnessed and stamped with the letter-stamp then being used at such post office indicating the day and date, and the Elector shall forthwith produce his Elector's Right, the signature on which shall be compared with that on the counterfoil of

signature on which shall be compared with that on the counterfoil of 20 the voting-paper by the postmaster, who shall write on the counterfoil the number of the Right, and stamp the back of the Right and voting-

paper with the said stamp.

(II) The Elector shall then and there, in the presence only of the postmaster, place the voting-paper in the envelope, on the back 25 of which his certificate for voting has been signed by the Returning Officer, and fasten up the same, duly enclosing his voting-paper and certificate in the addressed envelope supplied to him for that purpose, and having sealed up the said envelope shall at once hand the same to the postmaster for delivery.

12. Having issued the certificate, the Returning Officer shall Returning Officer to notify the fact on the Electoral Rolls to be used at the polling-booth certificate on the day of polling, and no Elector who has received any such certificate shall be entitled to vote at any polling-booth unless he delivers up the same to the Returning Officer to be cancelled two days at least

35 before the day of Election.

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13. The Returning Officer shall produce all letters so addressed Letters to be to him and received up to the time of the closing of the poll, and at produced at scrutiny. the scrutiny of the votes the letters shall be opened in the presence of the scrutineers, and shall be dealt with in the following manner:—

(a) The Returning Officer shall produce the list of persons to whom certificates have been granted with the signatures of the electors receiving them and the numbered applications made through the post office for certificates.

(b) The Returning Officer, without unfolding the voting-paper or allowing it to be inspected, shall compare the numbers and 45 signature on the counterfoil with the numbers and signature in the receipt-book or on the applications, as the case may be, and allow the scrutineers to inspect the same, and shall determine whether the signature is that of the person entitled to vote. 50

(c) If the vote is allowed, the Returning Officer shall tear off the counterfoil bearing the signature of the Elector, and insert, as folded, the voting-paper in the ballot-box

(d) If the Returning Officer rejects the voting-paper, then the certificate and voting-paper shall, without being unfolded or inspected, be at once sealed up and treated in the manner prescribed by the Principal Act with respect to ballot-papers.

(e) No voting-papers shall be counted at the scrutiny which do not bear the signature of the postmaster as witnessing the signature

signature of the elector on the counterfoil attached, and which is not stamped with the letter-stamp as hereinbefore provided.

14. When any difference of opinion arises between the Return-Returning Officer to 5 ing Officer and the Scrutineers as to any signatures, the Returning officer to Officer shall finally decide, subject to reversal by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

as to the duties of postmasters in duly carrying into effect the postmasters to postmasters.

10 provisions of this Act, and for securing that all letters to the Returning Officer lodged with the postmaster in pursuance of this Act shall be sent to the Returning Officer as registered letters free of charge on being marked "Electoral Returns."

16. The Returning Officer shall appoint his substitute to act Returning Officer to 15 for him in regard to the issuing of certificates and voting-papers to appoint substitute. absent Electors whenever he is temporarily absent from his office between the day of issue of the writ for any Election and the day of polling.

17. Any person acting as postmaster may exercise all the Acting-postmasters.

20 functions of a postmaster under this Act.

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18. Any person who wilfully makes any false statement in any Pena ties. declaration provided for by section seven of this Act, or makes use of any Elector's Right other than that issued to him, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction shall be liable to be imprisoned with

25 or without hard labour for any term not exceeding two years.

19. It shall not be necessary to puncture with the puncturing Rights need not be instrument prescribed by the Principal Act the voting-papers or punctured.

Elector's Rights of those electors who vote through the post office.

#### Amendments of Principal Act.

30 20. 10. The Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Section twently-three in subsection (I) by the omission of the words "three months" and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "one month."

Amendments of Principal Act.

Section thirty-six by the omission of the words "three months" in subsection (III) and the insertion, in lieu thereof of the words "one month," and by the omission of question (7) in subsection (III), and of the words "the back of" in the said subsection and in subsection (IV).

Section thirty-eight by the omission of the words "he—is enrolled."
in subsection (I) and the insertion, in life thereof, of the words "an Elector's Right was issued to him," and by the omission of the words "of his original enrolment" in subsection (II) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "for which it was issued," and by the omission of the words "three months" in question (3) subsection (I) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "month."

Section thirty-nine in subsection (I) by the omission of the words "qualified according to the tenor or purport thereof," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which such Right was issued"; and in subsection (III) by the omission of the words "qualified to vote according to the tenor of the Original Right" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which the Original Right was issued."

Section forty-nine, subsection (ii), by the omission of the word "produce,' and the insertion of the words "cause to be produced."

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Section fifty, subsection (II), by the omission of the words "together with such Roll," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "when required for any Election."

Section sixty-nine by the omission of the words "or Division of a

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Section seventy by the omission of subsection (IV).

Section eighty-two by the insertion, in question (1) of subsection (II), of the words "or Provisional List" after the words "the "Supplementary Roll"; and by the omission of question (3) in subsection (II) and the insertion in lieu thereof of the 10 words "Are you qualified to vote either as residing in the District for which the Elector's Right was issued, or as having resided there within the last month?'

Section eighty-six by the omission of the words "or voting-paper." Section ninety by the omission of the words "ballot or voting-15 paper," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "ballot-paper," and further by the omission of the words "such ballot-paper or voting-paper" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "the ballot-paper." 20

Section ninety-one by the omission of the words "either in more than one Division of the same District or," and of the words

"Division or."

Section ninety-five by the omission of the words "the Division of" and the words "or Deputy of the Division."

Section ninety-six by the insertion in question (1) of the words "or Provisional List" after the word "Roll."

Section ninety-eight by the omission of the words "and envelopes (if any)" and of the words "And for the purposes of this section, and the enactments hereinafter contained, every voting-paper whensoever practicable shall be treated as and be deemed to be a ballot-paper."

Section ninety-nine by the omission of the words "and votingpapers (if any)" and the words "the name of the Division.

Section one hundred and three by the omission of the words "distinguishing in each case ballot-papers from voting-papers.'

Section one hundred and four by the omission of the words "or

voting-paper" wherever they occur.

And sections forty—and ninety-seven and Schedule G of the 40 Principal Act are hereby repealed.

#### Miscellaneous.

21. 11. Instead of publishing the List mentioned in section forty-Lists of names

four, subsection (v) of the Principal Act as therein provided, the objected to not to be Registrar shall, by advertisement in the newspaper published or 45 circulating in the District, give notice that a copy of such List is posted outside each post-office and court-house of the District, and may be inspected at the office of the Registrar; and the Act fifty-Repeal of Act 58 Vic.

eighth Victoria number one is hereby repealed. 22. 12. Schedule A to the Principal Act is hereby repealed, and Form of Elector's

50 Schedule E A to this Act substituted in its place, but nothing in this Right. section shall affect the validity of any Electors' Rights already issued shall be used for transferred Electors' Rights issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act.

23. 13. Where in this or the Principal Act a Division is mentioned, Division in certain 55 the expression shall, in cases where a District has not been subdivided District. into Divisions, be taken to mean the District, unless such meaning would be inconsistent with the context.

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24. 14. The Governor may abolish any Divisions into which any Districts need not be Districts have before the commencement of this Act been divided; and Divisions. it shall not be necessary hereafter to subdivide any Districts into Divisions.

25. 15. In order to give due effect to the meaning and intent of the Governor may make provisions contained in this Act, the Governor may, by regulations, regulations, provide for any proceeding, matter, or thing for which express provision has not been herein made; and all such regulations shall, on being published in the Grant and all such regulations shall, on being published in the Gazette, have the full force of law, and shall be

10 laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication if Parliament be then sitting, and if not, then within four-

teen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

26. 16. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Electorates Definition.

and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896," and in its construction

15 "Principal Act" means the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, and this Act shall be read with and taken to be portion

of the Principal Act.

#### SCHEDULES.

# SCHEDULE A. Certificate entitling an Elector to vote through the post office for the election of a member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. I hereby certify that of is entitled to vote at the forthcoming election of a member of the Legislative Assembly for this District. Dated this day of (Signed) Returning Officer, Electoral District of 10 SCHEDULE B. FORM I. Personal application for a certificate to vote through the post office. The applicant shall make the following declaration before the Returning Officer That he is the person named on the Electoral Roll. That he makes the said application believing that District on the forthcoming day of polling. 15 3. That he holds Elector's Right number [state number] for Division Electorate. of N.B.—Any false statement in above is a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding two years. FORM II. Written application for certificate to vote through post. To the Returning Officer, Electoral District of 1. I, [here state your christian name, surname, and postal address, residence, and occupation] do hereby declare as follows, that is to say:—I am duly enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of , for which I hold Right No. 25 2. I make this application for a certificate to entitle me to vote through the post office, believing that I shall be absent from the abovenamed district on the day of polling at the forthcoming Election. I request that the certificate and voting-paper be forwarded to me at the above address (or to ). Dated this day of 35 (Signature.) Signed and declared in the presence of To be signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace. Any false statement in the above is a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding two years. SCHEDULE C. 40 FORM OF VOTING-PAPER. Voting-paper. Instructions. In the presence of the postmaster the elector must sign his name in the place shown thereon. The postmaster will witness the signature and stamp the voting-paper without unfolding the same with the post office letter stamp for the day and date, and return the voting-paper to the Elector after first having compared the signature on the Elector's Right held by the Elector with that on the voting-paper. The Elector will then place his voting-paper in the envelope on which the certificate is signed and marked "for 50 voting-paper," and fasten. Then, after sealing up or fastening the letter in the envelope addressed to the returning officer, will hand it at once to the postmaster for delivery through post.

through post.

## Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act Amendment. Counterfoil. Number-Signature of Votes Witness— Postmaster. Number of Elector's Right-To be stamped with post-office stamp.) Endorsement. Below write the name of the candidate you vote for :-10 Envelope. Number of Certificate-Day of Election-Envelope for inserting voting-paper. Certificate entitling elector to vote through the post-office. I hereby certify that of is entitled to vote at the forthcoming Election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly for this district. (Signed) Returning Officer, Electoral District of N.B.—When you have fastened up the voting-paper as directed herein place this in the other envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, and give to postmaster. SCHEDULE D. Form of book to be kept by Returning Officer in which to enter the names of Electors to whom Certificates and Voting-papers have been granted. Election day of Signature of Elector. 25 Corresponding We, the undersi have received for Voting-paper ( which is set of to enable us to gned, hereby acknowledge to of Returning Officer the necessary Certificate and the corresponding number of posite our respective names), vote through the Post Office. Christian and surname of Voter at full length. No. in Certificate Date Elector's Right No. issue. and Voting-paper. 30 SCHEDULE E A. [To be printed in red ink.] (BUTT.) No. 35 Electoral District of (1) What are your Christian names, surname, residence (including the street, and the number or name (if any) of the house in which he resides), and occupation? 40 (2) Are you of the full age of twenty-one years? (3) Are you a natural-born or a naturalised subject, and which? Elector's Right. Electoral District of which? (4) (If a natural-born subject) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right? (If a naturalised subject) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for 50 a continuous period of one year since your naturalisation, and immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right? (5) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode The holder hereof [name in full] [add occupation] whose name is signed hereunder, is, if enrolled, entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Assembly in the above District, being qualified in respect of Manhood and of Residence in such District. (5) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in this Electoral District for a continuous period of one month immediately prior to this date? (6) Have you before received an Elector's Right in any District in New South Wales? [and if the answer be "Yes,"] in what District? (A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed.

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#### SCHEDULE F. B.

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of

I, [christian name and surname], of [residence] hereby give notice that I object to the name of A.B. being retained on the Electoral-Roll Provisional List for the District of , on the following grounds:— 5 of

> (Signature.) (Date.)

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[9d.]

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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, 27 August, 1896, A.M. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

# New South Wales.



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# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to amend the Electoral Law.

E 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:-

- Residential qualification; Provisional List; Vote on change of residence.
  - 1. The period of residence in a District necessary to entitle a Period of residence person to an Elector's Right shall hereafter be one month instead of reduced to one month.
- 2. (1) The Registrar of each District shall, so soon as may be The names of persons after the commencement of this Act, enter upon a List, to be kept by to whom Elector's Rights are issued him and called the Provisional List, the name of every person to under s. 36 or s. 38 of 10 whom an Elector's Right has been issued for such District under section the Principal Act to thirty-six or section thirty-eight of the Principal Act subsequent to Provisional List.

15 the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and prior to the commencement of this Act, and shall enter thereon from the butt of such Elector's Right the prescribed particulars.

(II) When hereafter an Elector's Right is issued to any person upon application under section thirty-six or section thirty-eight of the 20 Principal Act, the Registrar shall forthwith enter upon the Provisional List the name of the said person, and the prescribed particulars from the butt of the Elector's Right:

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Provided

Provided that no entry shall be made in the Provisional List for any District in the interval between the issue of the writ for an Election in such District and the declaration of the poll for such Election, but the names of any persons to whom Elector's Rights are 5 issued under the said sections in such interval shall be entered in the List forthwith after the day of election.

(III) A person whose name has been entered upon the Provisional List for any District shall be deemed for all purposes duly enrolled on the General Roll for the District until the next General 10 Roll is printed.

At the date of making out any General List all names on the Provisional List shall be entered therein, and on the next General Roll being printed all names so entered in the General List shall be struck off the Provisional List by the Registrar.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act, it Supplementary List shall not hereafter be necessary to make out any Supplementary List. need not be made out.

3. The Registrar of each District shall, during the first week of Provisional Listthe months of November, February, and May of each year, cause when to be printed and where exhibited. copies of the Provisional List to be printed, and shall, as soon as

20 practicable after the list is printed, sign and transmit a copy to each person in charge of a post-office and police-office within the district, and notify by one advertisement in some newspaper published or circulated in the district that copies of the list printed as aforesaid are in his custody and open to inspection at his office, and at any post-

25 offices and police-offices within the district. The person in charge of such post-offices and police-offices shall cause the printed List to be exhibited in some conspicuous position within or outside such post-

offices and police-offices.

4. Any person who is of opinion that the name of any other Objection to name of 30 person is improperly on a Provisional List may apply to have such person on the Provisional List. name expunged by delivering or causing to be delivered to the Registrar a notice of objection to the effect of Schedule F hereto, and the Registrar shall refer the matter in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed to a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate who, after 35 giving notice in the prescribed manner to the applicant and to the

person objected to, and after taking such material evidence as he may think necessary shall, if satisfied that such person is not entitled to have his name retained on the said List as a duly qualified Elector, order his name to be expunged, and the Registrar shall expunge the 40 same accordingly.

5. An Elector who has changed his residence from the District for Elector who has which he is enrolled to another District shall not on that account be moved to a new District may vote for his debarred from voting at an Election for the District for which he is old District for a enrolled, until a period of one month has elapsed from such change month.

45 of residence: Provided that in any case where the issue of a writ for an Election prevents an Elector getting his name placed on the Provisional List in the new electorate his Right to record his vote in the old electorate shall hold good.

6. Applications under section thirty-six, section thirty-eight, or Applications under 50 section thirty-nine of the Principal Act for an Elector's Right, instead sections 38, 38, or 39 of Principal Act may be made by sending through the post be made by post. office to the Registrar an application in the form prescribed signed by the applicant, or if he is a marksman, marked by his distinguishing mark witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. Each application shall contain the answers to the questions required by the section of the 55 Principal Act under which it is made as amended by this Act, and

the truth of the answers shall be verified by a solemn declaration sent with the application.

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On receipt of an application made by post, together with the declaration aforesaid, the Registrar shall, on being satisfied as to the qualifications of the applicant, issue the Elector's Right by causing the same to be delivered to the applicant by some person authorised by the Chief Electoral Officer in writing under his hand, on the applicant signing his name on the face and on the butt of the Elector's Right:

Provided that no right applied for by post shall be issued under section thirty-eight of the Principal Act, unless the applicant has 10 delivered to the Registrar the Elector's Right then held by him, or under section thirty-nine, unless the applicant has delivered to the Registrar any Right which is torn or defaced; and until the Registrar has ascertained the number and date of the Right lost, torn, or defaced, and has entered the same number and date in the body and butt of the 15 Right.

Any applicant who knowingly makes a false statement in such Punishment for declaration or a false answer to such question as aforesaid shall, false answer or upon conviction before any Court of summary jurisdiction, be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months.

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#### Currency of Elector's Rights.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act Elector's Rights to all Elector's Rights, whether issued before or after the passing of this remain in force until Act, shall remain in force until cancelled in the prescribed manner, and no renewal thereof shall be necessary.

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#### Absent Electors.

8. (I) Any Elector who has reason to believe that he will be certificate to be absent from his District on any polling-day shall be entitled at any granted. time after the issue of the writ for an Election to obtain a certificate in the form of Schedule A hereto, from the Returning Officer of such District, that he is enrolled as an Elector upon the Electoral Boll, and

30 District, that he is enrolled as an Elector upon the Electoral Roll, and is entitled to vote at the forthcoming Election for the District.

(II) Application for a certificate shall be made personally by Declaration on declaration before the Returning Officer or through the post by application to be declaration made and subscribed before and attested by a Justice of 35 the Peace in one of the forms, as the case may be, of Schedule B

hereto.

(III) The Returning Officer may refuse to grant a certificate Returning Officer if not satisfied, on reference to the check roll, of the right of the may refuse to grant certificate.

applicant to vote by the name enrolled.

9. (i) The certificate shall be made on the back of an envelope Certificate to be handed to applicant to be used in the manner hereinafter directed.

6. (ii) The certificate to be handed to applicant or forwarded by post.

(II) The Returning Officer shall hand, or forward as a registered letter through the post, as the case may be, to the Elector, the said certificate, together with the voting-paper, with instructions endorsed thereon explaining the method of voting

45 endorsed thereon explaining the method of voting.

(III) The voting-papers shall be in the form given in Schedule C hereto with a counterfoil attached thereto for the number of the Elector's Right, the signature of the Elector, and that of the

postmaster witnessing the same.

(IV) The Returning Officer shall also supply the Elector with an envelope, duly addressed to the Returning Officer at the principal polling-place of the District; and the Elector shall enclose therein the certificate and voting-paper witnessed and stamped.

(v) The Elector making personal application for a certificate 55 shall sign his name in a book provided for that purpose in the form prescribed

prescribed in Schedule D, acknowledging the receipt of the certificate and voting-paper, and shall produce his Elector's Right for comparison of signature.

(VI) The Returning Officer shall initial all voting-papers 5 issued, and shall place in the receipt-book numbers in consecutive order opposite the names of all persons to whom certificates are granted, writing the corresponding number on the counterfoil of the voting-paper, and such receipt-book shall contain the particulars set out in Schedule D hereto.

10 (VII) Where the application is made through the post the Returning Officer shall number the application for the certificate, and at the scrutiny comparison shall be made between the signature on the counterfoil attached to the voting-paper and the signature to the

application.

15 10. The Elector shall, when voting through the post office, Name of candidate to indicate the candidate for whom he intends to vote by writing the be written name of such candidate on the inside of the voting-paper:

Provided that it shall be sufficient, where no two candidates have the same surname, for the elector to write the surname only of 20 the candidate in voting, and any mistake in spelling of the surname, where the intention is clear, shall not prevent the vote being counted.

11. (1) The Elector intending to vote through the post office Elector to sign his shall in the presence only of the postmaster sign his name on the name in the presence counterfeil of the postmaster. counterfoil of the voting-paper, and present the voting-paper folded up.

25 Such signature shall be witnessed and stamped with the letterstamp then being used at such post office indicating the day and date, and the Elector shall forthwith produce his Elector's Right, the signature on which shall be compared with that on the counterfoil of the voting-paper by the postmaster, who shall write on the counterfoil 30 the number of the Right, and stamp the back of the Right and voting-

paper with the said stamp. (II) The Elector shall then and there, in the presence only

of the postmaster, place the voting-paper in the envelope, on the back of which his certificate for voting has been signed by the Returning 35 Officer, and fasten up the same, duly enclosing his voting-paper and certificate in the addressed envelope supplied to him for that purpose, and having sealed up the said envelope shall at once hand the same to the postmaster for delivery.

12. Having issued the certificate, the Returning Officer shall Returning Officer to 40 notify the fact on the Electoral Rolls to be used at the polling-booth notify issue on the day of polling, and no Elector who has received any such certificate shall be entitled to vote at any polling-booth unless he delivers up the same to the Returning Officer to be cancelled two days at least

before the day of Election.

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13. The Returning Officer shall produce all letters so addressed Letters to be to him and received up to the time of the closing of the poll, and at produced at scrutiny. the scrutiny of the votes the letters shall be opened in the presence of the scrutineers, and shall be dealt with in the following manner:-

(a) The Returning Officer shall produce the list of persons to whom certificates have been granted with the signatures of the electors receiving them and the numbered applications made through the post office for certificates.

(b) The Returning Officer, without unfolding the voting-paper or allowing it to be inspected, shall compare the numbers and signature on the counterfoil with the numbers and signature in the receipt-book or on the applications, as the case may be, and allow the scrutineers to inspect the same, and shall determine whether the signature is that of the person entitled to vote.

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(c) If the vote is allowed, the Returning Officer shall tear off the counterfoil bearing the signature of the Elector, and insert, as folded, the voting-paper in the ballot-box.

(d) If the Returning Officer rejects the voting-paper, then the certificate and voting-paper shall, without being unfolded or inspected, be at once sealed up and treated in the manner prescribed by the Principal Act with respect to ballot-papers.

(e) No voting-papers shall be counted at the scrutiny which do not bear the signature of the postmaster as witnessing the 10 signature of the elector on the counterfoil attached, and which is not stamped with the letter-stamp as hereinbefore provided.

14. When any difference of opinion arises between the Return-Returning Officer to ing Officer and the Scrutineers as to any signatures, the Returning decide differences of opinion. 15 Officer shall finally decide, subject to reversal by the Committee of

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15. The Postmaster-General shall give the necessary directions Postmaster-General as to the duties of postmasters in duly carrying into effect the to give directions to provisions of this Act, and for securing that all letters to the Returning

20 Officer lodged with the postmaster in pursuance of this Act shall be sent to the Returning Officer as registered letters free of charge on being marked "Electoral Returns."

16. The Returning Officer shall appoint his substitute to act Returning Officer to for him in regard to the issuing of certificates and voting-papers to appoint substitute. 25 absent Electors whenever he is temporarily absent from his office between the day of issue of the writ for any Election and the day of

polling.

17. Any person acting as postmaster may exercise all the Acting-postmasters.

functions of a postmaster under this Act.

30 18. Any person who wilfully makes any false statement in any Penalties. declaration provided for by section seven of this Act, or makes use of any Elector's Right other than that issued to him, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction shall be liable to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding two years.

35 19. It shall not be necessary to puncture with the puncturing Rights need not be instrument prescribed by the Principal Act the voting-papers or punctured.

Elector's Rights of those electors who vote through the post office.

## Amendments of Principal Act.

20. The Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:— Section twenty-three in subsection (I) by the omission of the Principal Act. words "three months" and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "one month."

Section thirty-six by the omission of the words "three months" in subsection (III) and the insertion, in lieu thereof of the words "one month," and by the omission of question (7) in subsection (III), and of the words "the back of" in the

said subsection and in subsection (IV).

Section thirty-eight by the omission of the words "he is enrolled" in subsection (1) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of, the words "an Elector's Right was issued to him," and by the omission of the words "of his original enrolment" in subsection (II) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "for which it was issued," and by the omission of the words "three months" in question (3) subsection (1) and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "month."

Section thirty-nine in subsection (1) by the omission of the words "qualified according to the tenor or purport thereof,"

Amendments of

the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which such Right was issued"; and in subsection (III) by the omission of the words "qualified to vote according to the tenor of the Original Right" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "qualified to vote at an Election for the District for which the Original Right was issued."

Section fifty, subsection (II), by the omission of the words "together with such Roll," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the words "when required for any Election."

Section sixty-nine by the omission of the words "or Division of a District."

Section seventy by the omission of subsection (IV).

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Section eighty-two by the insertion, in question (1) of subsection (11), of the words "or Provisional List" after the words "the "Supplementary Roll"; and by the omission of question (3) in subsection (11) and the insertion in lieu thereof of the words "Are you qualified to vote either as residing in the District for which the Elector's Right was issued, or as having resided there within the last month?"

Section eighty-six by the omission of the words "or voting-paper." Section ninety by the omission of the words "ballot or voting-paper," and the insertion, in lieu thereof, of the word "ballot-paper," and further by the omission of the words "such ballot-paper or voting-paper" wherever they occur, and the insertion in each case, in lieu thereof, of the words "the

ballot-paper."
Section ninety-one by the omission of the words "either in more than one Division of the same District or," and of the words

"Division or."
Section ninety-five by the omission of the words "the Division of" and the words "or Deputy of the Division."

Section ninety-six by the insertion in question (1) of the words "or Provisional List" after the word "Roll."

Section ninety-eight by the omission of the words "and envelopes (if any)" and of the words "And for the purposes of this section, and the enactments hereinafter contained, every voting-paper whensoever practicable shall be treated as and

Section ninety-nine by the omission of the words "and voting-papers (if any)" and the words "the name of the Division." Section one hundred and three by the omission of the words "distinguishing in each case ballot-papers from voting-papers."

be deemed to be a ballot-paper."

Section one hundred and four by the omission of the words "or voting-paper" wherever they occur.

voting-paper" wherever they occur.

And sections forty and ninety-seven and Schedule G of the Principal Act are hereby repealed.

#### Miscellaneous.

21. Instead of publishing the List mentioned in section forty-Lists of names 50 four, subsection (v) of the Principal Act as therein provided, the objected to not to be Registrar shall, by advertisement in the newspaper published or circulating in the District, give notice that a copy of such List is posted outside each Post Office and Court House of the District, and may be inspected at the office of the Registrar; and the Act fifty-Repeal of Act 58 Vic. 55 eighth Victoria number one is hereby repealed.

22. Schedule A to the Principal Act is hereby repealed, and Form of Elector's Schedule E to this Act substituted in its place, but nothing in this Right. section shall affect the validity of any Electors' Rights already issued.

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23. Where in this or the Principal Act a Division is mentioned, Division in certain the expression shall, in cases where a District has not been subdivided cases to mean District. into Divisions, be taken to mean the District, unless such meaning would be inconsistent with the context.

24. The Governor may abolish any Divisions into which any Districts need not be Districts have before the commencement of this Act been divided; and Divisions. it shall not be necessary hereafter to subdivide any Districts into Divisions.

25. In order to give due effect to the meaning and intent of the Governor may make 10 provisions contained in this Act, the Governor may, by regulations, regulations. provide for any proceeding, matter, or thing for which express provision has not been herein made; and all such regulations shall, on being published in the Gazette, have the full force of law, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such 15 publication if Parliament be then sitting, and if not, then within four-

teen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

20 Act of 1893.

26. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Electorates Short title. and Elections Act Amendment Act, 1896," and in its construction "Principal Act" means the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections

#### SCHEDULES.

#### SCHEDULE A.

Certificate entitling an Elector to vote through the post office for the election of a member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

I hereby certify that is entitled to vote at the forthcoming of election of a member of the Legislative Assembly for this District.

Dated this

day of

(Signed)

Returning Officer, Electoral District of

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#### SCHEDULE B.

#### FORM I.

Personal application for a certificate to vote through the post office.

The applicant shall make the following declaration before the Returning

That he is the person named on the Electoral Roll.

2. That he makes the said application believing that he will be absent from the District on the forthcoming day of polling.

3. That he holds Elector's Right number [state number] for

Division of Electorate.

N.B.—Any false statement in above is a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding two years.

#### FORM II.

Written application for certificate to vote through post.

To the Returning Officer, Electoral District of

1. I, [here state your christian name, surname, and postal address, residence, and occupation] do hereby declare as follows, that is to say:—I am duly enrolled on the 25 Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of , for which I hold Right No. Division, issued to me.

2. I make this application for a certificate to entitle me to vote through the 30 post office, believing that I shall be absent from the abovenamed district on the day of polling at the forthcoming Election.

I request that the certificate and voting-paper be forwarded to me at the above address (or to

> Dated this day of

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(Signature.)

Signed and declared in the presence of

To be signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace.

Any false statement in the above is a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding two years.

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#### SCHEDULE C.

FORM OF VOTING-PAPER.

Voting-paper.

Instructions.

In the presence of the postmaster the elector must sign his name in the place 45 shown thereon. The postmaster will witness the signature and stamp the voting-paper without unfolding the same with the post office letter stamp for the day and date, and return the voting-paper to the Elector after first having compared the signature on the Elector's Right held by the Elector with that on the voting-paper. The Elector will then place his voting-paper in the envelope on which the certificate is signed and marked "for voting-paper," and fasten. Then, after sealing up or fastening the letter in the envelope addressed to the returning officer, will hand it at once to the postmaster for delivery through post.

Counterfoil. Number-Signature of Voter-Witness-5 Postmaster. Number of Elector's Right-(To be stamped with post-office stamp.) Endorsement. Below write the name of the candidate you vote for: 10 Envelope. Number of Certificate— Day of Election-Envelope for inserting voting-paper. Certificate entitling elector to vote through the post-office. 15 I hereby certify that is entitled to vote at the forthcoming Election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly for this district. (Signed) Returning Officer, Electoral District of N.B.—When you have fastened up the voting-paper as directed herein place this in the other envelope addressed to the Returning Officer, and give to postmaster. SCHEDULE D. Form of book to be kept by Returning Officer in which to enter the names of Electors to whom Certificates and Voting-papers have been granted. day of Signature of Elector. 25 Corresponding No. in Certificate We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge to have received of Returning Officer for the necessary Certificate and Voting-paper (the corresponding number of which is set opposite our respective names), to enable us to vote through the Post Office. Christian and surname of Voter at full length. Date Elector's of issue. Right No. and Voting-paper. SCHEDULE E. [To be printed in red ink.] (BUTT.) No. 35 Electoral District of (1) What are your Christian names, surname, residence (including the street, and the number or name (if any) of the house in which he resides), and occu-Elector's Right. Electoral District of pation? 40 (2) Are you of the full age of twenty-one years?
(3) Are you a natural-born or a naturalised subject, and which? which?

(4) (If a natural-born subject) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right?

(If a naturalised subject) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year since your naturalisation, and immediately prior to the date of your application for an Elector's Right?

(5) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode. The holder hereof [name in full] of [add occupation] whose name is signed hereunder, is, if enrolled, entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Assembly in the above District, being qualified in respect of Manhood and of Paridona in respect of Manhood and of Residence in such District. 55 (5) Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in this Electoral District for a continuous period of one month immediately prior to this date?

(6) Have you before received an Elector's Right in any District in New South Wales? [and if the answer be "Yes,"] in what District? (A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed. (A.B.), Registrar. (C.D.), abovenamed. The day of , 18 . (Date)

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#### SCHEDULE F.

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of

I, [christian name and surname], of [residence] hereby give notice that I object to the name of A.B. being retained on the Electoral Roll for the District of , 5 on the following grounds:—

(Signature.)
(Date.)

Sydney: Charles Potter, Government Printer.—1896.

[9d.]