

Legislative Council.

No. , 1904.

A BILL

To provide for the election of aldermen and auditors for
any municipalities.

[MR. BUZACOTT ;—5 *October*, 1904.]

BE it enacted by the King'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. Section fifty-five of the Municipalities Act, 1897, is hereby ^{Repeal.} repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows :—

Every person of the full age of twenty-one years who, on the ^{Electors.} seventh day of January in any year, is the occupier, lessee, or owner of any ratable property within any municipality, or liable to be rated
10 for the same as such occupier, lessee, or owner, shall be entitled to be enrolled

enrolled upon the municipal roll of the municipality for the ensuing municipal year ; and being so enrolled, shall be an elector thereof, and shall be entitled, subject as hereinafter mentioned, to vote in all elections of aldermen and auditors for the municipality occurring while such municipal roll is in force :

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Provided that no person shall be entitled to more than one vote at any such election :

Provided also that only the person who pays the rates for such ratable property shall be entitled to vote in respect thereof, and no person who is, at the time of claiming to vote, in arrears on account of any such rates shall be entitled to vote in respect of the property rated at any election in any municipality :

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Provided further that no person shall be allowed to vote without first making and subscribing a declaration in the form contained in the Ninth Schedule to the Municipalities Act, 1897 :

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Joint owners and occupiers.

Provided further that where any ratable property is jointly occupied, jointly leased, or jointly owned by more persons than one, only the person first named in the rate-book shall be admissible to vote as an elector, and the giving of any vote by such person shall render any other person claiming to vote in respect of the same ratable property incapable of giving a vote at that election.

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References to provisions under section 55 of Municipalities Act. Short title.

2. All references in the Municipalities Act, 1897, to the provisions contained in section fifty-five of that Act shall be deemed to be reference to the provisions contained in section one of this Act.

3. This Act may be cited as the "Municipalities (Election) Act, 1904."

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