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, RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Sydney, 21 March, 1912. Sydney, 21 March, 1912.

New South Wales.



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GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1912.

An Act for the constitution of a convention to formulate a scheme for the amalgamation of the local government of Sydney and certain neighbouring municipalities and shires or parts thereof; to define the powers and duties of such convention; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

THEREAS it is desirable that a single municipal government Preamble. be provided for the various municipalities and shires, or parts thereof, comprised within the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof (hereinafter referred to as the proposed City of Sydney): And whereas 5 it is desirable that a scheme for such government should be prepared on the basis of an amalgamation of areas: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice 35—A and 90419

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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:—

Preliminary.

5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Greater Sydney Convention short title. Act, 1912."

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context or Definitions. subject-matter,—
- "An area" means a municipality or shire or the City of Sydney.
 "Delegate" means delegate to the convention created under this
 Act.
 - "Minister" means the Minister for the time being administering the Local Government Act, 1906.
- "Prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made under this Act.

Constitution of convention.

3. There shall be a convention created under and for the Convention to be purposes of this Act.

20 4. Such convention shall consist of fifty delegates elected to Constitution of represent the territory, consisting of the municipalities and shires and convention. parts thereof mentioned or referred to in the Schedule hereto.

For the purposes of such election the Governor shall divide such territory into electorates (hereinafter referred to as "convention 25 electorates"), and shall determine the number of delegates to be elected by each such electorate in proportion to the number of electors enrolled, so far as is practicable.

Each convention electorate shall be bounded by the boundaries of parliamentary electorates, or partly by such boundaries, and partly 30 by the boundary of the said territory.

5. (1) Any person whose name is on the day fixed by the Franchise.

Governor by notification in the Gazette, on the roll of a parliamentary electorate, the whole of which is included in a convention electorate, shall be entitled to vote at an election of delegates for the last-men
35 tioned electorate.

Where part of a parliamentary electorate is included in a convention electorate, the Inspector-General of Police shall cause the names of the persons on the parliamentary roll for such parliamentary electorate, but who do not on the day fixed by the Governor by notifi-40 cation in the Gazette reside within the convention electorate, to be struck out of a copy of such roll. He shall sign and certify the copy so altered, and the persons whose names remain on such copy of the roll so certified shall be entitled to vote at an election of delegates for the convention electorate.

5 (2) Marriage shall not prevent a woman otherwise qualified from voting. 6.

Order of business.

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6. Elections under this Act shall be held as may be prescribed. Method of elections, Electoral officers may be appointed by the Governor.

7. The elections shall be held on a day to be fixed by the Date of election.

Governor by notification in the Gazette.

8. Any person qualified to vote under this Act may be Qualification for nominated and elected as a delegate.

Powers and duties of convention.

9. (1) Such convention shall be charged with the duty of Powers and duties deliberating upon, and making recommendations as to-

(a) the areas or parts of areas, if any, which should be included within the proposed City of Sydney, and what provision should be made for future extensions thereof;

(b) the number of persons who should constitute the proposed

City of Sydney Council;

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(c) the powers and functions which should be intrusted to such council:

(d) what utilities, services, or undertakings now controlled by various private or public bodies, companies, corporations, or individuals should be taken over by, or transferred to, such council; and what provisions would be advisable for the purpose of such taking over or transfer;

(e) what powers should be given to such council for the creation and conduct of new utilities, services, or undertakings;

(f) what provisions would be necessary or advisable for the transfer of assets and liabilities, and for the consolidation, 25 apportionment, and extinction of loan debts.

(g) what powers of levying rates and charging for services should

be conferred upon such council;

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(h) what provision would be advisable for the protection of the interests of officers and servants of the councils of the areas 30 to be included in the proposed City of Sydney;

(2) Such recommendations may be submitted to the Minister in writing in the form of a draft scheme for the constitution and government of the proposed City of Sydney.

Meeting of convention.

10. When the elections have been held, the Governor shall Meeting of convene a meeting of the convention at such time and place as he convention. thinks desirable.

The order of business at such meeting shall be— (a) the election of the president and a vice-president;

(b) the making of rules for procedure at meetings of the Any convention.

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Any such rules may provide for the infliction of penalties not Rules of procedure, exceeding five pounds for acts of disorder; and such penalties may penalties. be recovered by the president of the convention in any court of petty sessions. Such penalties shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue. Fund.

- 11. If a vacancy occur in the office of president or vice-Vacancy in office of president, the vacancy shall forthwith be filled by a fresh election by president. the convention.
- 12. The presence of at least one-half in number of the delegates Quorum.

 10 to the convention shall be necessary to constitute a meeting for the transaction of business.
- 13. The convention may appoint committees of its members Committees. which shall report to the convention. Any committee of the convention may by resolution invite and authorise persons deemed to have 15 special knowledge of the subject referred to such committee to sit and vote in such committee.
- 14. Any question arising in the convention shall be decided Decision of questions by a majority of the votes of the members present, other than the by convention. president or the vice-president when presiding; and where on any 20 division the votes are equal, but not otherwise, the president or vice-president when presiding shall have a vote, and his vote shall decide the question.

General provisions.

- 15. The Governor, by proclamation, may at any time dissolve Dissolution of convention.
- 16. The Governor may make regulations relating to the Regulations. election of delegates to the convention, and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and may in those regulations impose any penalty not exceeding ten pounds for any breach thereof. Such 30 penalty may be recovered in any court of petty sessions. Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette.
- 17. Each delegate to the convention shall, as a contribution Delegates to be towards his expenses, be paid from moneys to be voted by Parliament, paid. the sum of one hundred pounds if present at all meetings of the 35 convention; and if not present at all such meetings, a proportionate reduction in such payment shall be made according to the number of meetings from which he is absent. The acceptance of office and allowances as delegate under this Act shall not be deemed to be "holding an office of profit under the Crown" within the meaning 40 of the Constitution Act, 1902; or holding any place of profit under the Crown, within the meaning of the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902.

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SCHEDULE.

Areas to be included in the Greater Sydney Convention Territory.

The whole of the following municipalities:-

	The City of Sydney.	Kogarah.
5	Alexandria.	Lane Cove.
	Annandale.	Leichhardt.
	Ashfield.	Manly.
	Auburn.	Marrickville.
	Balmain,	Mosman.
10	Bexley.	Newtown.
	Botany.	North Sydney.
	Botany, North	Paddington.
	Burwood.	Parramatta.
	Canterbury.	Petersham.
15	Concord.	Randwick.
	Darlington.	Redfern.
	Drummoyne.	Rockdale.
	Dundas.	Rookwood.
	Eastwood.	Ryde.
25	Enfield.	St. Peters.
	Ermington and Rydalmere.	Strathfield.
	Erskineville.	Vaucluse.
	Glebe.	Waterloo.
	Granville.	Waverley
	Homebush.	Willoughby.
	Hunter's Hill.	Woollahra.
	Hurstville.	

The Shire of Ku-ring-gai.

Portions only, to be determined by the Governor and notified by him in the Gazette,

Prospect and Sherwood Municipality. Hornsby Shire.
Warringah Shire.
Bankstown Municipality.

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