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, 12 March, 1912. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1912.

An Act to provide for payment of compensation for improvements effected by tenants.

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:—

1. This Act shall come into force on the first day of May, Commencement and one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and may be cited as the short title. "Tenants Improvements Act, 1912."

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates,—

"Land Appeal Court" means the Land Appeal Court as constituted by the Crown Lands Acts and the Judicial Offices Act of 1892.

"Local land board" means the local land board as constituted by the Crown Lands Acts.

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" Private

Regulations.

Tenants Improvements.

" Private land" means land the fee-simple of which is not vested in His Majesty the King and Crown lands held under any tenure which gives a right to purchase the fee-simple.

"Improvement" means improvements which are necessary to the proper working of the holding, and the proper housing and

accommodation of the tenant and his workmen.

3. Where any private land is at the passing of this Act or shall Right of tenant to thereafter be held under lease or under share-farming or other agree-compensation for improvements. ment for agricultural, or dairying, or other farming purposes, the 10 tenant under such lease or agreement shall, on quitting his holding at the expiration of his tenancy, or upon any sooner determination of such tenancy by or at the instance of his landlord, be entitled to claim compensation to be paid by his landlord to him in respect of all improvements on his holding made by him or his predecessor in title:

Provided that a tenant shall not be entitled to compensation in respect of any improvements made in pursuance of a contract or agreement entered into with the landlord for valuable consideration

other than the payment of rent.

The amount of such compensation if not agreed to between the Amount may be 20 landlord and tenant shall on the application by either party as prescribed determined by land board. be determined by the local land board; and the amount so assessed shall, if not paid within fourteen days, be a debt recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

4. Any determination by the local land board may be appealed Appeal from land 25 from to the Land Appeal Court at any time within twenty-eight days board.

after such determination by giving notice of appeal in the prescribed form to the chairman of the board and to the other party to the proceeding, and by depositing with such chairman the sum of five pounds as security for the costs of the appeal. Every such notice

30 shall state the ground of appeal.

The local land board's or, in the case of an appeal, the Land

Appeal Court's determination shall be final and conclusive.

5. The local land board and the Land Appeal Court shall Powers of land respectively have and may exercise under this Act the powers and Appeal Court. 35 authorities conferred by the Acts constituting them.

6. The Governor may make regulations regulating the references to local land boards under this Act; regulating the procedure of land boards exercising any jurisdiction conferred by this Act;

prescribing the forms to be used in pursuance of this Act; and

generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

All such regulations shall be published in the Gazette, and shall thereupon, but not sooner, or otherwise have the force of law.

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