

No. XIV.

PUBLIC VEHICLES
REGULATION ACT
AMENDMENT.

An Act to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873." [24th September, 1886.]

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:—

Short title and
interpretation.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886" and in its construction the expression "Principal Act" means the Act thirty-six Victoria number fourteen the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873" "Prescribed" means prescribed by by-laws made under the authority of this or the Principal Act.

Election of a fourth
Commissioner by
licensees.

2. In addition to the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners as constituted by the Principal Act there shall be a fourth Commissioner who shall be elected annually by persons licensed under the Principal Act as hereinafter provided and shall when elected be a member of the body corporate created by the said Act and for all purposes thereof shall hold office for one year and no longer and shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of his term of office and shall be entitled to the same remuneration as is granted to each Commissioner under section twelve of the Principal Act For the purposes of every such election the following provisions shall have effect viz.—

- (a) Every person shall be entitled to vote at elections for a Fourth [herein termed the Licensees] Commissioner whose name at the time of voting is included in a list of persons who have held for not less than three months previous to such election valid and unexpired licenses under the Principal Act and whose licenses have not been suspended or cancelled under the provisions of this Act And such list shall be made out in manner to be prescribed by by-laws made by the Commissioners the power to frame which as provided by the Principal Act shall extend to the purposes of this Act.
- (b) At least fourteen days before the day of holding any such election the candidate or candidates must be nominated in writing by at least two licensees qualified to vote as provided by subsection (a) such written nomination to be delivered to the Presiding Officer at the "Metropolitan Transit Office" within the like period of fourteen days And at every such election the Mayor of Sydney shall be the Presiding Officer.
- (c) The mode of voting shall be by open voting in the manner prescribed.
- (d) The first election of a Licensees Commissioner shall take place on the same day as that on which the next annual election of the Commissioner to be elected under section nine of the Principal Act shall take place And such election and also every subsequent election of a Licensees Commissioner shall be conducted in manner provided respectively by sections eight nine and ten of the Principal Act except that the voting shall be by licensees And all other provisions and requirements of the said cited sections shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to elections and vacancies in the office of the
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Licenses Commissioner and to the power of the Governor to appoint a Commissioner in default of election except so far as the same are qualified by this Act and except as to the nomination of candidates.

3. At every election of a Commissioner under the Principal Act by Mayors and Aldermen of Municipal Councils held after the passing of this Act every candidate must be nominated in writing by at least two persons qualified to vote at such election And the nomination-paper must be lodged with the Presiding Officer at the Metropolitan Transit Office at least fourteen days before the day of the election.

Fourteen days notice of candidature necessary at elections by Municipal Councils.

4. Three Commissioners shall form a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and in the absence of the Mayor of Sydney the Commissioner elected by the Municipal Councils shall act as chairman.

Quorum.

Acting chairman.

5. The Metropolitan Transit Commissioners shall have power to suspend or cancel any license granted under the Principal Act if in their opinion the conduct of the licensee has been such as to render him unfit to hold such license and ply under it And every person whose license shall be so suspended or cancelled shall for all purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Act and the by-laws thereunder be deemed to be an unlicensed person.

Power to cancel license.

6. The said Commissioners shall have power to make by-laws providing for the sale after the prescribed notice and subject to the prescribed conditions of any unclaimed articles found in public vehicles the proceeds of any such sale to be carried to the credit of the Metropolitan Transit Fund Provided that no such sale shall take place until after the expiration of three months from the time of the finding of such unclaimed articles.

Power to sell unclaimed articles.

7. The said Commissioners shall have power to authorize any sum of money or part of such sum remaining to the credit of the Metropolitan Transit Fund at the end of the month of December in every year after defraying all current expenditure for the year to be expended in the construction or improvement of waiting-rooms shelter-sheds or places of convenience in cleaning stands and any conveniences connected therewith or for any purpose which the Commissioners may consider desirable in connection with the improvement and regulation of public vehicles or stands or the public convenience.

Power to devote un-expended balances at credit of fund to certain purposes.

8. The said Commissioners may appoint such clerks as they may think necessary and may define the duties to be performed by the persons so appointed as well as the duties to be performed by any persons appointed under the thirteenth section of the Principal Act anything to the contrary in the eighteenth section of the Principal Act notwithstanding.

Power to appoint clerks and define duties.

9. No person shall place or allow to remain on any vehicle in use or plying for hire any distinguishing number as required by any by-law now in force or hereafter to be passed by the Commissioners unless he shall at the time be the holder of a license to ply such vehicle under a penalty not to exceed ten pounds.

No distinguishing numbers to be on unlicensed vehicles.