PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 30, 1927.

State into electoral districts for the purpose of giving the rural districts a greater measure of representation in the Legislative Assembly; for this and other purposes to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented te, 14th March, 1927.]

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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Electorates and Elections (Further Amendment) Act, 1927," and shall be read with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts. The Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, as so amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Provision as regards further distribution of electoral districts.

2. In any distribution of electoral districts which is directed to be made after the passing of this Act it shall be the duty of the Electoral Districts Commissioners to provide a greater measure of representation of rural districts in the Legislative Assembly than is provided by the boundaries of electoral districts as published in the Gazette number one hundred and fiftyone of November eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

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In providing such greater measure of representation in any distribution which is made after the passing of this Act the Electoral Districts Commissioners shall increase, by at least three, the number of electoral districts in the area (in this section referred to as "the outside country area") comprised in the following thirty-two electoral districts set forth in the abovenamely, mentioned Gazette, Albury, Ashburnham, Barwon, Bathurst, Byron, Castlereagh, Clarence, Cootamundra, Corowa, Goulburn, Hartley, Lachlan, Lismore, Liverpool Plains, Monaro, Mudgee, Murray, Murrumbidgee, Namoi, Orange, Oxley, Raleigh, South Coast, Sturt, Tamworth, Temora, Tenterfield, Wagga Wagga, Wollondilly, Wollongong, and Young, and shall decrease accordingly the number of electoral districts in the area (in this section referred to as "the Cumberland-Northumberland area") comprised in the remaining fifty-eight electoral districts set forth in that Gazette.

With respect to electoral districts in "the outside country area," the Electoral Districts Commissioners may make such deduction not exceeding eight hundred from the quota as they deem necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this Act, and the quota as so reduced shall be the quota for such electoral districts.

With respect to electoral districts in "the Cumberland-Northumberland area" the Electoral Districts Commissioners may make such addition not exceeding eight hundred to the quota as they deem necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this Act, and the quota as so increased shall be the quota for such electoral districts.

A distribution of electoral districts shall be made within six months after the passing of this Act.

3. The provisions contained in the Principal Act and Provisions the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections (Amend-applicable to further ment) Act, 1926, shall, so far as applicable, and subject redistributo the provisions of this Act, apply to the further tion of electorates. redistribution of electoral districts after the commencement of this Act, which further redistribution is hereby authorised to be made.

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Repeal of Act No. 18 1920, and Act No. 6, 1921.

- 4. (1) Upon the issue of the writs for the first general election after the passing of this Act to be conducted upon the basis of single seat electorates in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act, 1920, and the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Amendment Act, 1921, shall cease to have effect.
- (2) Any provisions of the Principal Act which were repealed either expressly or impliedly by the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Act, 1920, or the Parliamentary Elections (Casual Vacancies) Amendment Act, 1921, shall as from the date upon which the said Acts cease to have effect be revived and are hereby re-enacted.

Provision for dissolution prior to proclamation of new electoral districts.

5. If the twenty-seventh Parliament of the State of New South Wales is dissolved prior to the proclamation of the new boundaries of ninety electoral districts in accordance with the redistribution as provided for in this Act, the general election next following the dissolution of the Parliament shall be conducted on the basis of the ninety electoral districts proclaimed in the Gazette number one hundred and fifty-one of November eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and in all respects as if this Act had not been passed.