

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1925.

A BILL

To extend the electoral franchise in municipalities and shires; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith.

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 may be cited as the "Local Government (Adult Franchise) Act, 1925," and shall be read and construed with the Local Government Act, 1919, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

Short title
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construction.

Local Government (Adult Franchise).

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2. Section thirty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection two and inserting the following new subsection in lieu thereof:—

Amendment
of s. 38 of
Principal Act.

(2) If it appears to the Minister to be impracticable or inconvenient to hold an election on the day appointed, he may appoint a subsequent day, not being more than—

Postpone-
ment of
elections.

(a) six months thereafter, in the case of an election in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five; or

(b) one month thereafter, in the case of an election in any year subsequent to the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

3. Section fifty-four of the Principal Act is omitted and the following section is inserted in lieu thereof:—

Amendment
of s. 54 of
Principal Act.

54. A person shall be an "occupier," for the purposes of enrolment and voting, if he has continuously during the period of one month next preceding such prescribed day—

Qualification
of an
occupier.

(a) resided, or

(b) had his principal place of abode, on ratable land within the ward or riding.