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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration. Only.)

No. , 1912.

A BILL

To amend the Local Government Act, 1906, and the Local Government (Amending) Act, 1908; to extend the franchise under those Acts; to make further provisions as to lists and rolls; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[MR. GRIFFITH;— , 1912.]

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. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Local Government (Franchise) Act, 1912," and shall commence and come into operation on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. Short title and commencement.

(2) In this Act "the Principal Act" means the Local Government Act, 1906, as amended by the Local Government (Amending) Act, 1908.

2. Section forty-eight of the Principal Act is amended as follows:— Amendment of s. 48 of Principal Act.

(a) Omit paragraph (b) and insert the following in substitution therefor:—

(b) is the person nominated in writing as an elector by the governing body of an incorporated company, or body corporate, or by a body of trustees which is in occupation as tenant as aforesaid of any ratable land in the shire which, with or without any houses or other buildings thereon, is of a yearly value of five pounds or upwards: Provided that any such governing body or body of trustees may not nominate more than one elector for enrolment as occupier in the shire. Representative of company.

(b) In paragraph (e) insert at the end of the paragraph the words “or of dairying operations thereon.”

(c) In paragraph (f) insert after “owned by the Crown” the words “or by any person on behalf of or in trust for the Crown.”

3. Section forty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and inserting the following in substitution therefor:— Amendment of s. 49 of Principal Act.

(c) is the person nominated in writing as an elector by the governing body of an incorporated company, or body corporate, or by a body of trustees which is such owner as aforesaid: Provided that any such governing body or body of trustees may not nominate more than one elector for enrolment as owner in any one riding of the shire. Representative of company.

4. Section fifty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “in each year intervening between the triennial preparations and revisions of the lists and rolls” and inserting in substitution therefor the words “in each calendar year other than those in which the triennial lists are made.” Amendment of s. 51 of Principal Act. Years in which supplementary lists to be prepared.

“There may be included in such supplementary lists the names of all persons not enrolled who appear to have the necessary qualification for enrolment.” Addition to and omission from such lists.

“At the time of the preparation of the supplementary lists the council may authorise the removal from any list or roll or supplementary list or supplementary roll of electors, of the name of any person where the council has reasonable ground to believe that such person has ceased to possess the necessary qualification for enrolment, or where such removal is rendered necessary by re-enrolment consequent upon change of address or change of qualification: Provided that in all such cases the clerk shall forthwith serve upon such person notice of such removal, and such person may appeal to the revision court against such removal.”

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5. Section fifty-four of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following words :—

Provided that an occupier shall not lose the qualification under which he was enrolled by reason only that he has changed his place of occupation to some other place in the riding.

6. Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is repealed, and the following inserted in substitution therefor :—

55. Any person, male or female, being a natural born or naturalised British subject, who on the day prescribed resides or has his principal place of abode in any ward or undivided municipality, and whose name is included in any roll in force under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, or any Act amending that Act, shall be entitled to be placed on the list as a "resident" and to be enrolled as an elector on the roll for such ward or undivided municipality, as the case may be.

7. Section fifty-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and inserting the following in substitution therefor :—

(c) is the person nominated in writing as an elector by the governing body of an incorporated company, or body corporate, or by a body of trustees which is such owner as aforesaid: Provided that any such governing body or body of trustees may not nominate more than one elector for enrolment as owner in any one ward, or where a municipality is not divided into wards, in any such municipality.

8. Section fifty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and inserting the following in substitution therefor :—

(c) is the person nominated in writing as an elector by the governing body of an incorporated company, or body corporate, or by a body of trustees which is such lessee so liable as aforesaid: Provided that any such governing body or body of trustees may not nominate more than one elector for enrolment as ratepaying lessee in any one ward, or where a municipality is not divided into wards, in any such municipality.

9. Section fifty-eight of the Principal Act is amended in subsection one by omitting "occupiers" and inserting "residents" in substitution therefor.

10. Section fifty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "in each year intervening between the triennial preparations and revisions of the lists and rolls" and inserting in substitution therefor the words "in each calendar year other than those in which the triennial lists are made.

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“ At the time of the preparation of the supplementary lists, the council may authorise the removal from any list or roll or supplementary list or supplementary roll of electors, of the name of any person where the council has reasonable ground to believe that such person has ceased to possess the necessary qualification for enrolment, or where such removal is rendered necessary by re-enrolment consequent upon change of address or change of qualification : Provided that in all such cases the clerk shall forthwith serve upon such person notice of such removal, and such person may appeal to the revision court against such removal.”

11. Section sixty of the Principal Act is amended as follows— Amendment of s. 60 of Principal Act.

- (a) in subsection one omit “ occupier ” and insert “ resident ” in substitution therefor ;
- (b) in subsection two omit “ an occupier ” and insert “ a resident ” in substitution therefor, and omit all the words after “ municipality.”

12. Section sixty-two of the Principal Act is amended by Amendment of s. 62 of Principal Act. omitting “ occupier ” and inserting “ resident ” in substitution therefor.

13. Section sixty-four of the Principal Act is amended by Amendment of s. 64 of Principal Act. inserting the words “ or licensees ” after the word “ lessees ” in the expression “ lessees of Crown lands.”
