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No. , 1912.

A BILL

To extend the franchise of the City of Sydney to adult citizens; for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to the corporation of the City of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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:—

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Sydney Corporation Short title. (Franchise) Act, 1912," and shall be construed with the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

Extension of franchise to adults.

2. Section nine, subsection one, of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the omission of paragraph (c) as amended by the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and by the insertion in lieu thereof of the following :—

- (c) any person, male or female, being a natural-born or naturalised British subject, who, on the first day of September of the year in which a roll is to be prepared, as hereinafter provided, resides or has his principal place of abode in that ward and who has continuously during the three months next preceding the above-mentioned day resided or had his principal place of abode in the city :

Amendment of s. 9 (1) of Principal Act.

Qualifications of citizens.

Provided that any such person who on the said day—

Cf. Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, s. 21 (4).

- (i) is of unsound mind ; or
 - (ii) is in receipt of aid from any public charitable institution, except as a patient under treatment for accident or disease at a hospital ; or
 - (iii) is in prison under any conviction ; or
 - (iv) has been convicted of any crime or offence wherever committed, for which if the same had been committed in New South Wales, he might have been lawfully sentenced to death or penal servitude, and has not received a free pardon therefor or served the sentence passed on him ; or
 - (v) has against him an unsatisfied order of any court for the maintenance of his wife or children (whether legitimate or illegitimate) ;
- or who
- (vi) within six months preceding the said day has been imprisoned without the option of a fine for an aggregate period of three months ; or
 - (vii) within one year prior to the said day has been convicted of any offence under the Commonwealth Electoral Act, 1902-1909, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, Part V of the Principal Act, or any Act amending the said Acts or Part, or any of them ; or
 - (viii) within one year prior to the said day has been convicted of being an habitual drunkard, an idle and disorderly person, or incorrigible rogue, or a rogue and vagabond ; or
 - (ix) within one year prior to the said day has been convicted of having committed an aggravated assault upon his wife ;

shall not be entitled to be placed on the citizens' roll for such ward.

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3. Section nine, subsection three, of the Principal Act is hereby amended— Amendment of s. 9 (3) of Principal Act.

- (a) by the omission of the words “or a joint occupation as a lodger under subsection (c)”;
- (b) by the omission of the words “or joint lodgers”;
- (c) by the omission of the words “jointly occupied under subsection (b),” and the insertion in lieu thereof of the words “so jointly occupied”;
- (d) by the omission of the words “or unless such lodgings are of the clear yearly value of twenty pounds or upwards”;
- (e) by the omission of the word “cases” and the insertion in lieu thereof of the word “case”;
- (f) by the omission of the words “or lodgers” wherever the same occur therein.

