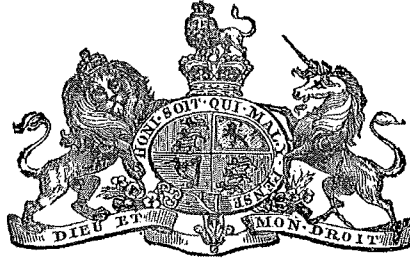


## New Zealand.



### ANALYSIS.

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### 1893, No. 54.

Title.

AN ACT to amend "The Electoral Act, 1893."

[6th October, 1893.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Electoral Law Amendment Act, 1893."

Amendments of  
"Electoral Act,  
1893."

2. "The Electoral Act, 1893" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), is hereby amended as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) Section three: In the definition of "Non-residential qualification," the words "or leasehold" are hereby repealed.
- (2.) For all purposes of the said Act a person shall be deemed to have resided within the district wherein he has his usual place of abode, notwithstanding his occasional absence from such district; and any seaman who has been for not less than twelve months in the colony, and continuously employed for not less than three months in the same or some other vessel trading between New Zealand ports, and has usually lived on board such vessel, shall be deemed for the aforesaid purposes to have resided in the district comprising any port at which such vessel has been calling at intervals during the period of three months immediately preceding the time when the said seaman makes his claim to be enrolled as an elector under the said Act.

(3.) Sections twenty-three and twenty-four are hereby repealed, and the following sections shall be read in lieu thereof:—

If the Registrar be satisfied that any claim for enrolment is valid he shall forthwith place the name of the claimant on the roll.

It shall be lawful for the claimant, by writing, to withdraw his claim.

If the Registrar be not satisfied of the validity of any claim for enrolment, it shall be his duty, within the five days following the receipt of the claim, to make inquiries as to the truth of the particulars therein stated. If he shall satisfy himself, within the said five days, that the particulars stated as the claims are true he shall thereupon place the name of the claimant on the roll; otherwise, he shall, within the said five days, cause notice in writing to be given to the claimant, setting forth the particulars of which proof is required.

If, within twenty-one days after proof shall be required as aforesaid, the claimant shall fail to satisfy the Registrar that his claim is valid, and shall fail to withdraw his claim, the Registrar shall as soon as conveniently may be thereafter apply to a Resident Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace for a summons, who shall forthwith issue a summons, in the form or to the effect set forth in the Fifth Schedule to the said Act.

- (3.) Section one hundred and fifty-six: In subsection eleven thereof, the words beginning the second paragraph, "Before giving a voting-paper to any half-caste," shall be omitted, and the following substituted therefor: "Before giving a voting-paper to any Maori or half-caste."

3. All provisions of Part III. of the said Act in relation to voting by commercial travellers by means of electors' rights are hereby extended to shearers; and sections sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-four, sixty-six, and the Eighth Schedule of the said Act, shall be read and shall take effect as if the words "or shearer" had been originally inserted after the words "commercial traveller," wherever the same occur in the aforesaid sections and schedule, and as if in subsection two of section sixty-two the words "or shearers" had been inserted after "or commercial travellers" (within brackets), and as if in the last paragraph of the same section the words "and shearers" had been inserted therein after the words "commercial travellers."

Shearers may vote on electors' rights.

In this Act, and for the purposes thereof and of the said Act, "shearer" means and includes every person who, during the season of the year for shearing sheep in any locality, is *bona fide* employed by any owner of sheep in such locality for shearing his sheep.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section sixty-one of the said Act, any seaman, commercial traveller, or shearer, who shall not on or before the twentieth day of the month of October in the now current year be within the electoral district for which he is enrolled as an elector under the said Act, may at any time on or before the aforesaid day appear personally before the Registrar of any electoral district wherein he may be for the time, and in his presence may make and sign an application and declaration for an elector's right in the form or to the effect of Form A in the Eighth Schedule to the said Act, and the said Registrar shall receive and transmit such claim to the Registrar of the district in which the applicant is enrolled, who may thereupon issue an elector's right to such applicant.

Seamen's, commercial travellers', and shearers' rights.

Repeal. Saving.

5. "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1893," is hereby repealed. But—

All appointments made, and all things or acts done or performed, under or for the purposes of such repealed Act at the time of the commencement of "The Electoral Act, 1893," shall be deemed to have been respectively made, done, or performed under the last-mentioned Act; and

All electoral rolls formed or in progress of formation, or printed, under or for the purposes of the aforesaid repealed Act at the said commencement shall be deemed to have been and to be formed or printed, or in progress of formation or printing, and may be continued and perfected under and for the purposes of "The Electoral Act, 1893."