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1896, No. 2.

AN ACT to facilitate the Formation and Adjustment of Electoral Districts by providing for the Appointment of Two Commissions in Lieu of One. Title.
[13th July, 1896.]

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1896.” Short Title.

2. In lieu of the Commission provided for by section two of “The Representation Act, 1887,” there are hereby substituted two permanent Commissions—to wit, one for the North Island, to be called the North Island Representation Commission, and one for the Middle Island (including Stewart Island), to be called the Middle Island Representation Commission. North and Middle Island Commissions.

3. The said Commissions shall be appointed by the Governor in Council not later than twenty-one days after the passing of this Act; and upon their appointment the first-mentioned Commission shall be deemed to be dissolved. When to be appointed.

4. Each of the Commissions to be appointed under this Act shall consist of five members, of whom— Members of each Commission.

The Surveyor-General and the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the Taranaki and the Auckland Land Districts respectively shall be three official members of the Commission for the North Island; and

The Commissioners of Crown Lands for the Westland, the Canterbury, and the Otago Land Districts respectively shall be three official members of the Commission for the Middle Island; and

The remaining two members of each Commission shall be such persons, not being members of the Civil Service or members of the General Assembly, as the House of Representatives from time to time nominates as unofficial members of the Commission.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, each of the Commissions to be appointed hereunder shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions by "The Representation Act, 1887," conferred upon the said first-mentioned Commission; and all the provisions of that Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply accordingly.

6. The Commissions shall sit together as a joint Commission for the purpose of fixing, in the manner and according to the basis prescribed by "The Representation Act, 1887," the number of the districts for the North Island and for the Middle Island (including Stewart Island) respectively; but shall thereafter act separately and independently of one another, the duties and functions of the Commission for the North Island being confined to that Island, and those of the Commission for the Middle Island being confined to the Middle Island (including Stewart Island); and the provisions of "The Representation Act, 1887," shall be construed accordingly.

7. The Governor may fix the time and place for the aforesaid joint sitting of the Commissions, and prescribe the method of procedure thereat.

Powers of each Commission.

Commissions to fix number of districts jointly, then to act separately.

Joint sitting of Commissions.