

New Zealand.



DESIGNATION OF DISTRICTS.

1908, No. 44.

AN ACT to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Designation of Districts and other Localities.

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. (1.) The Short Title of this Act is “The Designation of Districts Act, 1908.”

Enactments consolidated.

(2.) This Act is a consolidation of the enactments mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and with respect to those enactments the following provisions shall apply:—

Savings.

(a.) All Proclamations, Orders in Council, and generally all acts of authority which originated under any of the said enactments, and are subsisting or in force on the coming into operation of this Act, shall enure for the purposes of this Act as fully and effectually as if they had originated under the corresponding provisions of this Act, and accordingly shall, where necessary, be deemed to have so originated.

(b.) All matters and proceedings commenced under any such enactment, and pending or in progress on the coming into operation of this Act, may be continued, completed, and enforced under this Act.

Governor may assign names to localities.
1894, No. 19, sec. 2

2. The Governor may assign a name or designation to any district, city, borough, town (whether public or private), town district, village, village or special settlement, valley, land area, railway, railway-station, goldfield or mining district, hill, mountain, glen, forest, lagoon, swamp, creek, stream, river, lake, bay, harbour, or other place or locality whatsoever in New Zealand, and also may determine by what name any port of entry shall be designated; and may also from time to time by Proclamation, but subject to the provisions of the next succeeding section.

alter the geographical name or designation of any place or locality in New Zealand, whether the same was given before or after the coming into operation of this Act, but shall not alter the name of New Zealand.

3. The Governor in Council, from time to time, at the request or with the consent of the Council of any county, city, or borough, to be signified to the Governor by resolution of such Council adopted at any ordinary meeting thereof, may by Proclamation alter the name of any county, city, or borough in New Zealand, whether existing before or after the coming into operation of this Act; and in all such alterations and future naming preference shall be given to the original Maori names.

Governor may alter names of boroughs and counties.
1894, No. 19, sec. 3

4. (1.) No two places in New Zealand (whether a city, borough, town, town district, village, village or special settlement, or private town or township), either now existing or hereafter to exist, shall bear the same name, or a name so similar to another or to others, with or without a prefix, as to lead to mistakes or confusion; and wherever such is the case the Governor, notwithstanding anything in section three hereof, may require the local authority (if any) of the place or places the more recent in date of existence under such name to submit a new name or names for the said places respectively for his approval.

Where two or more towns, &c., have similar names.
Ibid, sec. 4

(2.) On approval of such name or names, or on refusal or neglect of any local authority to submit as aforesaid a new name for the place under its jurisdiction within three months from the date of being required so to do as aforesaid, the Governor may by Proclamation alter the name of such place as he thinks fit.

(3.) All towns or townships laid off in or upon any land other than Crown land shall be deemed to be private towns or townships, and shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Act as if they were public towns.

5. When any hill, mountain, glen, forest, lagoon, swamp, creek, stream, river, lake, bay, harbour, or other natural feature in New Zealand bears the same name, or a name so similar to another or others as to lead to mistakes or confusion, the Governor may by Proclamation alter the name or names thereof respectively as he thinks fit.

Where two or more rivers, mountains, &c., have similar names.
Ibid, sec. 5

6. Whenever any town, township, town district, railway-station, or other locality whatsoever, or any river, stream, or other natural feature of New Zealand whatever, is generally known or named by a name professing to be a Maori name, but is not the true spelling of the said Maori name, or is a corruption thereof, the Governor may by Proclamation alter the name of such locality or natural feature as aforesaid in consonance with the correct Maori orthography.

Governor may rectify Maori names of places.
Ibid, sec. 6

7. Every Proclamation issued under this Act—

(a.) Shall take effect only at such date as may be fixed in the said or any subsequent Proclamation in that behalf, not earlier than six months after the first publication thereof in the *Gazette*; and

Proclamations to take effect only at a future date.
Ibid, sec. 7

(b.) Shall be published in the *Gazette* at least once in every month intervening between its first publication and the taking-effect thereof; and

(c.) During the said interval of time public notices of the proposed alteration of name shall be affixed and kept affixed at all the post-offices, public schools, Magistrates' Courts,

and police-offices within the district or area to be affected by such alteration of name.

Rights or obligations
not affected.

1894, No. 19, sec. 8

8. Any such alteration of name as aforesaid shall not affect any rights or obligations of any county, district, city, borough, town, or other locality, or of any Council, Board, authority, or person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be continued or commenced as if there were no alteration of name.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

1894, No. 19.—“The Designation of Districts Act, 1894.”