

New Zealand.



ANALYSIS.

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1934, No. 16.

AN ACT to amend the Electoral Act, 1927.

[23rd October, 1934.]

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Electoral Amendment Act, 1934, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electoral Act, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

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2. (1) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the word "three" and substituting the word "four".

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 469

(2) Section fifty-one of the Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4), is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the word "third" and substituting the word "fourth".

Parliamentary elections to be held at intervals of four years.

3. (1) In lieu of voting in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and thirty-seven of the principal Act, any voter who is blind or is unable to read or write may, if he so desires, vote in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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(2) At the request of any such voter who has received a ballot-paper he may be accompanied into one of the

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. IV, p. 251

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inner compartments reserved for the marking of ballot-papers by any person who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this section to assist such voter in the marking of his ballot-paper, and the ballot-paper shall be there marked by the voter with the assistance of his companion or may be marked by the companion in accordance with the instructions of the voter.

(3) No person shall be qualified under this section to assist more than two voters to mark their ballot-papers at any election, and no person shall be qualified to assist any voter as aforesaid unless he is registered as an elector, whether of the same or of some other district.

(4) Before any person is allowed to assist a person to vote in accordance with this section he shall be required to satisfy the Deputy Returning Officer that he is registered as an elector and that he has not already assisted more than one voter to vote at the election.

(5) If any person who assists a voter to vote in accordance with this section communicates at any time to any person any information obtained in the polling-booth as to the candidate for whom the voter is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot-paper given to the voter, he shall be liable to the same penalty as if he had committed an offence against section one hundred and sixty-six of the principal Act.