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Fixing Date on which the Special Licensing Poll shall be taken under the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
 ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this nineteenth day of December, 1918.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS it is provided by section three of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, that on a day not later than the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to be fixed by the Governor-General in Council, there shall be taken a poll (in the said Act referred to as the special licensing poll) of the electors of each electoral district constituted under the Legislature Act, 1908, upon the proposals that national prohibition with compensation shall come into force throughout New Zealand, or that licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall continue to be granted subject to the provisions of the Licensing Act, 1908 :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby fix the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, as the date on which the special licensing poll shall be taken.

J. F. ANDREWS,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations as to the Special Licensing Poll to be taken under the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, and the Taking of the Votes of Members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces for the Purposes thereof.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
 ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this nineteenth day of December, 1918.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section twelve of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), special provision is made with respect to the voting, at the special licensing poll to be taken under the said Act, of members of any Expeditionary Force under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, who may be out of New Zealand or who may be in camps of military training or in hospitals, sanatoria, or other public institutions on the day appointed for the taking of the said poll :

And whereas it is further provided by the said section twelve that the Governor-General may from time to time by Order in Council make all such regulations as he deems necessary with respect to the taking and recording of the votes of members of the Expeditionary Forces under the said section, and for all purposes incidental thereto :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him as aforesaid by section twelve of the

said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS.

VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN NEW ZEALAND.

1. For the purpose of taking the votes of the members of any Expeditionary Force in New Zealand to whom section 12 of the said Act applies, the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint such polling-places as he thinks fit, and for each such polling-place shall appoint an Electoral Officer to conduct the poll, and such clerks (if any) as he deems necessary.

2. (1.) Every member of an Expeditionary Force to whom the said section 12 applies, and who is in New Zealand on the day fixed for the taking of the special licensing poll, shall be entitled to vote on producing to the Electoral Officer his military pay-book, together with a certificate signed by a military officer or other competent authority that he is a member of an Expeditionary Force under the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, and that he is for the time being stationed in a camp of military training or in a hospital, sanatorium, or other public institution ; provided that the Electoral Officer, if he is satisfied that any person making application for a voting-paper is entitled to vote under these regulations may issue to him a voting-paper and accept the vote notwithstanding that the applicant has not produced a certificate as required by this clause.

(2.) For the purposes of these regulations every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces who returns to New Zealand at any time after the 1st day of February, 1919, and before the date of the taking of the special licensing poll, and who is for any reason unable to vote as an elector of any electoral district, shall be entitled to vote under this clause as if he were a member of an Expeditionary Force for the time being stationed in a camp of military training.

(3.) Any person to whom the last preceding subclause relates may vote at any polling-place in New Zealand on making before a Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer a declaration that he is entitled to vote under these regulations. In any such case the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall issue to the applicant a voting-paper, and, after the voter has recorded his vote, shall, in the presence of the voter, enclose the voting-paper in an envelope addressed to the Chief Electoral Officer at Wellington, and shall forthwith forward the same by registered letter to the Chief Electoral Officer.

3. (1.) At the close of the poll the Electoral Officer shall not count the votes, but shall securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall forthwith forward the same to the Chief Electoral Officer at Wellington.

(2.) He shall also, as soon as practicable, forward to the Chief Electoral Officer, in a sealed parcel, all documents used in connection with the poll, and all unused and spoilt voting-papers.

4. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as soon as practicable after the receipt of the voting-papers from any polling-place, count the votes and transmit to the Minister of Justice the particulars required pursuant to section 13 of the said Act.

5. (1.) For the purposes of the foregoing regulations as to the taking of the votes of soldiers in New Zealand, scrutineers may be appointed as follows:—

- (a.) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of persons in favour of national continuance.
 - (b.) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of persons in favour of national prohibition with compensation.
- (2.) Scrutineers under paragraph (a) may be appointed by the National Council of New Zealand, and scrutineers under paragraph (b) may be appointed by the Executive of the New Zealand Alliance.
- (3.) Every person appointed as a scrutineer under this regulation shall before acting be required to make the same declaration as if he were appointed pursuant to section 11 of the said Act.

VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES OUT OF NEW ZEALAND.

(1.) *Voting by Soldiers in Great Britain and in Western or Central Europe.*

6. (1.) For the purpose of taking the votes of members of the Expeditionary Forces who may be in Great Britain or in Western or in Central Europe, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, or some person authorized by him in writing in that behalf, shall appoint such polling-places and such Electoral Officers and clerks as he thinks necessary.

(2.) Every Electoral Officer so appointed shall be furnished with a sufficient number of voting-papers for taking the poll at the polling-place or polling-places for which he is appointed.

7. At the close of the poll at any polling-place the Electoral Officer in charge shall not count the votes, but shall securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall forthwith forward the same to the High Commissioner at his office in London. He shall also as soon as practicable forward to the High Commissioner, in a sealed parcel, all documents used in connection with the poll, and all unused and spoilt voting-papers.

8. Every person shall be entitled to vote who satisfies the Electoral Officer that he is a member of a New Zealand Expeditionary Force and produces to the Electoral Officer his military pay-book.

9. (1.) On receipt of any voting-papers by the High Commissioner as aforesaid the High Commissioner shall cause the votes to be counted, and shall forthwith cable to the New Zealand Government the following particulars with respect to each polling-place, that is to say:—

- (a.) The total number of votes recorded;
- (b.) The number of informal votes;
- (c.) The number of votes recorded in favour of national continuance; and
- (d.) The number of votes recorded in favour of national prohibition with compensation.

(2.) All voting-papers and other documents used in connection with the poll shall be retained in the office of the High Commissioner for twelve months, and may then be destroyed.

(2.) *Voting by Soldiers in Egypt, Southern Europe, and Asia.*

10. (1.) For the purpose of taking the votes of members of the Expeditionary Forces who may be in Egypt, Southern Europe, or Asia the High Commissioner for New Zealand shall appoint a suitable person in Egypt to undertake the control of the poll, and such officer shall make all such appointments and do all things necessary for taking the poll.

(2.) The High Commissioner shall forward to the person so appointed to conduct the poll a sufficient number of voting-papers, and shall also as soon as possible forward copies of the said Act and these regulations.

11. (1.) At the close of the poll at any polling-place the Electoral Officer in charge shall not count the votes, but shall securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall forthwith forward the same to the officer appointed to have control of the poll in Egypt, who shall forthwith count the votes, or cause the same to be counted, and shall cable to the New Zealand Government the following particulars with respect to each polling-place, that is to say:—

- (a.) The total number of votes recorded;
- (b.) The number of informal votes;
- (c.) The number of votes recorded in favour of national continuance; and
- (d.) The number of votes recorded in favour of national prohibition with compensation.

(2.) After cabling the results as aforesaid the officer in Egypt shall at the first convenient opportunity forward in a sealed parcel all voting-papers and other documents to the High Commissioner at his office in London, who shall deal with the same in the same manner as if they had been votes recorded in Great Britain pursuant to the foregoing provisions of these regulations.

(3.) The officer in Egypt shall at the same time forward to the High Commissioner a statement setting forth—

- (a.) The total number of voting-papers issued by him;
- (b.) The total number of voting-papers issued to voters at the poll; and
- (c.) The number of unused or spoilt voting-papers.

(3.) *Voting by Soldiers in Samoa.*

12. (1.) For the purpose of taking the votes of members of the Expeditionary Forces who may be in Samoa, the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint an Electoral Officer and such clerks as he deems necessary.

(2.) After the taking of the poll the Electoral Officer so appointed shall not count the votes, but shall securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall as soon as practicable forward the same to the Chief Electoral Officer at Wellington. He shall also as soon as practicable forward to the Chief Electoral Officer in a sealed parcel all documents used in connection with the poll, and all unused and spoilt voting-papers.

(3.) On receipt of the used voting-papers as aforesaid the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause the votes to be counted, and shall transmit to the Minister of Justice the particulars required to be furnished pursuant to section 13 of the said Act.

(4.) *Voting by Soldiers on Ships.*

13. (1.) If any vessel leaves England with members of a New Zealand Expeditionary Force on board at any time after the 31st day of January, 1919, and before the day appointed for the taking of the special licensing poll, the High Commissioner shall cause to be supplied to the military officer in charge a ballot-box or ballot-boxes, together with a sufficient number of voting-papers for the taking of the votes of the members of the Expeditionary Forces on board such vessel.

(2.) The said military officer shall, on the day appointed for the taking of the special licensing poll, cause a poll to be taken of all men on the vessel entitled to vote, and shall not count the votes, but shall forthwith after the close of the poll securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall deliver the same, or cause the same to be delivered, to the Chief Electoral Officer in Wellington, or to a person authorized in writing by or on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer to receive the same.

(3.) The said military officer shall also cause to be delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer in a sealed parcel all documents used in connection with the poll, and all unused and spoilt voting-papers.

(4.) As soon as practicable after the receipt of any voting-papers pursuant to this clause, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause the votes to be counted, and shall transmit to the Minister of Justice the particulars required pursuant to section 13 of the said Act.

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14. Every person receiving a voting-paper shall, before leaving the place where the same has been given to him, record his vote by striking out one of the proposals therein, and, after folding the voting-paper so that the contents cannot be seen, shall place the same in the ballot-box to be provided for the purpose.

15. (1.) If any member of an Expeditionary Force entitled to vote under these regulations is by reason of physical incapacity unable personally to mark the voting-paper, the Electoral Officer or one of his clerks may, at the request of the voter, mark the voting-paper in his presence and in accordance with his instructions.

(2.) In any such case the Electoral Officer or clerk shall endorse on the voting-paper a statement that the voting-paper has been marked by him at the request of the voter.

16. Every person making application for a voting-paper under these regulations shall be required to produce his military pay-book to the Electoral Officer or clerk, as evidence of the fact that he is entitled to vote, and the Electoral Officer or clerk, on giving to the voter a voting-paper, shall enter in the pay-book a statement of that fact and of the polling-place at which the vote is recorded, and shall initial the entry.

17. No person shall be entitled to receive a voting-paper under these regulations if it appears from his pay-book that he has already received a voting-paper at the same or any other polling-place.

18. Except as provided in clause 5 hereof, with respect to the taking of the votes of soldiers in New Zealand, no person shall be appointed to act as scrutineer at any polling-place appointed for the purposes of these regulations.

19. The poll shall be taken at the several places provided for in these regulations on the 10th day of April, 1919 (being the date fixed for the taking of the special licensing poll pursuant to section 3 of the said Act).

20. Every Electoral Officer appointed under these regulations for the conduct of the poll at any polling-place shall, forthwith after the close of the poll, furnish to the Chief Electoral Officer in Wellington, or to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, or to the officer appointed in Egypt for the conduct of the poll, as the case may require, a return showing—

- (a.) The total number of voting-papers issued to him;
- (b.) The total number of voting-papers issued by him to voters; and
- (c.) The number of unused and spoilt voting-papers.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.