



ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION ACT, 1915.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor desires it to be known that His Majesty, by Order in Council, under The Isle of Man (War Legislation) Act, 1914, bearing date the 20th day of October, 1915, has been pleased to extend to the Isle of Man the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, adapted as follows:—

1.—(1) The next statutory elections of members shall be postponed for a year, and the term of office of the existing members shall accordingly be extended by one year.

This section shall apply only where the next statutory election would take place before the 1st day of November, 1916.

(2) Any casual vacancy, requiring to be filled by election and occurring among the members of any board shall, until a new register comes into force, instead of being filled by an election, be filled by means of the choice by the board of a person to fill the vacancy, and a member so chosen shall hold office in the same manner in all respects as if he had been elected to fill the vacancy.

(3) The provisions of this section may be applied, if necessary, to the election, appointment, or co-optation of the chairman, vice-chairman, or member of a board or committee of a board, by order of the Lieutenant-Governor, and may be so applied with the necessary modifications and either generally as regards all boards of any particular kind, or specially as regards any particular board.

(4) Any provisions of any Act or Order of Regulations relating to any such member, or to any such chairman, vice-chairman, or member of a board, shall be construed as if they were modified in such a manner as to give effect to the provisions of this section, and the Lieutenant-Governor, if any question arises, may by Order specify the actual modification which is to be made in pursuance of this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section the expression “statutory election” means an election to fill the place of members retiring on the expiration of their term of office, and the expression “existing members” means members who are in office at the time when the next retirement of members after the passing of this Act would, but for this Act, have taken place.

2. The register of voters, under the House of Keys Election Acts, the Douglas Municipal Corporation Act, 1895, and the Local Government (Registration of

Voters and Election by Ballot) Act, 1904, in force at the time of the passing of this Act shall remain in force until Parliament provides for special registers being made or otherwise directs, and the Act making such provisions shall have been extended to the Isle of Man.

3. In this Act the expression "board" shall mean the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Douglas, the Commissioners of a Town, the Commissioners of a Village District, the Commissioners of a Parish District, a Higher Education Board, a School Board, the Board of Guardians of the Poor of any District, and any other Board or Body to which this Act may be applied by the Lieutenant-Governor, and the expression "member" or "members" shall mean a member or members of a "board."

4. This Act may be cited as "The Elections and Registration (Isle of Man) Act, 1915."

By order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,
Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man,
30th October, 1915.