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AN ACT to regulate the Retirement of the 1908. Members of the Legislative Council conformity with the provisions of "The Constitution Amendment Act, 1885."

[12 *November*, 1908.]

WHEREAS in consequence of the effect of conflicting legislation PREAMBLE. passed subsequent to "The Constitution Amendment Act, 1885," 49 Vict. No. 8. periodical elections of Members of the Legislative Council have not been held in every year as provided by Section Five of that Act:

And whereas it is desirable that the provisions of Section Five aforesaid should be fully carried out in the case of every periodical election held subsequent to the year One thousand nine hundred and nine:

And whereas in order to restore regularity in the retirement of the Members of the Legislative Council, as provided by Section Five

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aforesaid, it is expedient that certain Members should hold their seats for the period of Five years instead of the full period of Six years, as provided by Section Six of "The Constitution Amendment Ac., 1885:"

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

Short title and construction. 18 Vict. No. 17.

1 This Act may be cited as "The Council Periodical Elections Regulation Act, 1908," and shall be incorporated with and construed as one with "The Constitution Act" and its amendments.

Interpretation.

2 In this Act—

" Council"

"Council" means the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Tasmania:

" Council District."

"Council District" means an Electoral District for the return of a Member or Members to represent such District in the Council.

Alteration of tenure of seats in certain cases to ensure regularity of retirement. 49 Vict. No. 8. Member for Gordon to retire in 1910 instead of 1911.

3-(1.) For the purposes of this Act, the tenure of seats in the Council in the following cases is hereby altered, as follows:-

Members elected in 1909 for Buckingham, Macquarie, and South Esk to hold their seats for Five years instead of Six years.

I. The period for which the Honourable Arthur Morrisby, the present Member for the Council District of Gordon, was last elected shall be deemed to be Five years instead of Six years, and he, or in the event of a vacancy in the seat, the Member elected to fill the vacancy, shall retire as by effluxion of time on the First Monday in the month of May in the year One thousand nine hundred and ten:

II. The Members elected to represent the Council Districts of Buckingham, Macquarie, and South Esk at the periodical election to occur in the year One thousand nine hundred and nine shall, subject to the provisions of "The Constitution Act," hold their seats for a period of Five years instead of Six years, and shall retire as by effluxion of time on the First Monday in the month of May in the year One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(2.) It is hereby expressly declared that the alteration hereby made in the tenure of the seats of the Members referrred to in this section applies only to the particular periods mentioned in this section, and has no general application,