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**************************** AN ACT to authorise a loan of Six thousand 1927. Pounds to the Warden, Councillors, Electors of the Municipality of Westbury, in accordance with the provisions of the State Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1921, for the purpose of providing for the lighting of portion of the said Municipality by electricity and supplying electrical energy, and [29 November, 1927.] for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Warden, councillors, and electors of the Munici-PREAMBLE. pality of Westbury are desirous of making provision for the extension of electricity within the Municipality, and for carrying out the necessary works required in connection therewith, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1924:

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And whereas it is desirable to authorise the Council of the said municipality to borrow a sum of Six thousand Pounds for the purposes aforesaid:

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 incorporation.

1 This Act may be cited as "The Westbury Lighting Act, 1927," and shall be read as part of, and deemed to be incorporated with, the Local Government Act, 1906, and its Amendments.

Interpretation.

- 2 In this Act and any by-laws made, unless the contrary intention appears-
 - "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Westbury.
 - "Corporation" means the Warden, councillors, and electors of
 - the Municipality of Westbury. "Electrical energy" means and includes electrical current and electrical power.

Power to borrow.

3 It shall be lawful for the Council, on behalf of the Corporation to raise by way of loan, under the provisions of the State Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1921, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Six thousand Pounds, for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of, and incidental to, the works necessary for the supply and distribution of electrical energy within the said municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Amendment Act, 1924.

Sinking fund.

4 The amount payable by the Council as an annual contribution towards a sinking fund in respect of any money borrowed under this Act shall be an amount equal to two per centum of the moneys so borrowed,

Treasurer may borrow.

5 It shall be lawful for the Treasurer to borrow, raise, and receive a total sum of Six thousand Pounds for the purposes of this Act.

Council may levy special rate.

6 The Council may, once in every year, make and levy a special rate upon the annual value of all properties within the "power area," as shown by the assessment roll in force for the time being, for the purpose of providing for the payment of interest, and any moneys required for a sinking fund in respect of any sum or sums of money borrowed under this Act, and for the payment of any costs or expenses incurred in carrying out this Act: Provided, that such rate shall not in any year exceed the sum of Two Shillings in the Pound on such annual value as aforesaid. Such special rate shall be payable by all persons who would be liable to be rated in respect of properties in the "power area" if such rate had been a general rate under the Local Government Act, 1906, and shall be made, levied, and recoverable in the same manner as any such general rate.

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7 If any person liable to pay any amount of light rate neglects to A.D. 1927. pay the same within due time after the same has been lawfully demanded, the Warden may, after twenty-four hours' notice, stop the electrical energy supplying the premises in respect of which such rate trical energy may is payable, by cutting off the wires to the said premises, or by such be stopped. other means as he may think fit, and the expense of cutting off the electrical energy may be recovered in the same manner as the light rate is recoverable.

8 If any person, when required by the Council, refuses to repair, Electric service or neglects to keep in repair any of the works by which his premises to be kept in are supplied with electrical energy under the authority of this Act, the Council may cut off the supply of electrical energy from such premises until such works are sufficiently repaired, and the Council may repair such works, and the cost of repairing the same shall be repaid to the Council by the person neglecting to repair the same, and may be recovered by the Council from such person in any Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due by such person to the Council.

9 The Inspector or any other person acting under the authority of Power to enter the Council may, at any time by night or by day, enter into any premises to house or premises supplied with electrical energy under the authority of this Act, in order to examine if there is any waste or misuse of such electrical energy, and the condition or state of repair of the works by which such electrical energy is supplied to such house or premises; and if such Inspector or other person is at any such time refused admittance into such house or premises for any of the purposes aforesaid, the Council may cut off the supply of electrical energy from such house or premises.