

Christchurch City Empowering Act 1934

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An Act to authorize the Christchurch City Council to adopt the System of Voting at Elections and Polls by the Marking of a Cross.

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

1 Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Christchurch City Empowering Act, 1934.

2 Voting by cross may be used at local elections in Christchurch.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section five of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1926, it shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council), from time to time, by resolution, to determine that at elections for Mayor and Councillors of the City of Christchurch, and at polls taken by the Council, the method of voting shall be by marking a cross in a square opposite to the name of the candidate for whom or the proposal for which the voter desires to vote and not by striking out the names of candidates or words of the proposal.
- (2) While any such resolution remains in force, in addition to all elections and polls as aforesaid, the method of voting at all elections conducted by the

said Council on behalf of any local authority or public body, any of whose members are elected wholly or partly by electors or ratepayers of the City of Christchurch, shall be as determined by such resolution.

- (3) While any such resolution remains in force,—
- (a) The forms numbered five and six in the First Schedule to the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed not to have been repealed, and the voting-papers to be used at every election or poll to which such resolution applies shall be in such one of those forms as the case may require, instead of in the form numbered one or the form numbered two in the Schedule to the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1926:
- Provided that every such voting-paper shall have a counterfoil, and shall have printed on the back thereof and on the counterfoil respectively the matter contained in the form numbered three in the Schedule to the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1926:
- (b) Section twenty-five of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, shall apply to any such election or poll as if it had not been amended by section eight of the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Act, 1926.