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No. XVIII.

AN ACT to amend "The District Roads Act, 1871, Amendment Act, 1876."

[Assented to, 8th September, 1883.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The District Roads Act, 1871, Amendment Act, 1876:" Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. SECTION 24 of the above recited Act is hereby repealed, except in so far as it may be necessary to retain the same in order to continue any person already elected thereunder as a member of any District Road Board until the expiration of the period for which he had been so elected.

2. THE members of the Road Board in any district shall be elected by ballot by a majority in number of the votes of the persons entitled to vote in such district, such voters being present and voting in person unless resident upwards of fifteen miles from the place of election or resident out of the district, in which case such votes may be given by a proxy or agent duly authorised in writing; provided always that no votes be accepted or taken from any person profes-

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sing to be a proxy or agent, unless such proxy or agent has satisfied a Justice of the Peace or the returning officer that the signature of the voter to the voting paper is his own proper signature, and that the names of each candidate for whom the said voter wishes to vote were written in such voting paper before the said voter signed the said paper, and such Justice of the Peace or returning officer has endorsed the voting paper to that effect. No voting paper shall be received from any proxy or agent unless it be signed by such proxy or agent, and contain his address. No inquiry shall be permitted at any election as to the right of any person to vote, except only as follows: that is to say, that the returning officer or his deputy shall, if he think fit, or if required by any two persons entitled to vote at the election, put to any person tendering a voting paper, at the time of his delivering in his voting paper and not afterwards, the following questions, and no other:—

Are you the person whose name appears as (*here specify the name contained in the electors' list*) in the electors' list now in force for this district, being registered therein for property described to be situated in (*here specify the property described in the electors' list*)?

Have you already voted at the present election for this district?

or, in case of any voting paper being tendered by a person being or professing to be a proxy or agent, the following questions and no other:—

Is the person who signed this voting paper the person whose name appears as (*here specify the name contained in the electors' list*) in the electors' list now in force in this district, being registered therein for property described to be situated in (*here specify the property described in the electors' list*)?

Was the name of the candidate for whom the voter wishes his vote recorded written in this voting paper before the said voter signed this voting paper?

Is the said person now, to the best of your knowledge and belief, resident more than fifteen miles from this place, or resident out of the district?

Is the name signed on the paper as the name of the proxy or agent, delivering the same, your name, and signed by you, and is the address of such person your address?

Has the person whose name is signed to this paper as the voter, ever revoked the authority given to you to deliver it, or has he already voted at this election?

3. ANY person who shall be desirous of being a candidate for election as a member of any District Road Board shall, by himself or

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his agent duly authorised in writing, give written notice of his intention thereof to the returning officer at any election at least seven days before the day of such election; and the said returning officer shall give notice of the intention of such person to become such candidate by affixing a notice to that effect on the door of the accustomed place of meeting, and on the outer door of every court-house throughout the district, and keeping the same there affixed until the day of election. At any such election no one shall be deemed a candidate for the office of a member as aforesaid, except those who have given such notice as is herein provided.

Candidate for election to give seven days' notice thereof to the returning officer.

4. NO member of a District Road Board shall have any pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract for the expenditure of the public moneys at the disposal of the Board; and every contract hereafter made contrary to the provisions of this section shall be void.

No member to have any pecuniary interest in the contracts of the Board.

5. THIS Act may be cited for all purposes as "The District Roads Act Amendment Act, 1883."

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

F. NAPIER BROOME. Governor.