

RETURNED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS VOTING ACT.

Act No. 28, 1919.

George V, No. 28. An Act to enable returned sailors and soldiers to vote at any election or poll of electors in a municipality or shire during the year 1920; for that purpose to amend the Acts relating to Local Government; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Assented to, 10th December, 1919.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title
and duration.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Returned Sailors and Soldiers Voting Act, 1919," and shall be in force until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

(2) This Act shall be read with the Acts for the time being in force relating to Local Government.

Definition.

2. "Sailor" or "soldier" means a person who is or has been a member of the Commonwealth Naval or Military Forces (including member of the Imperial Reserve residing in New South Wales before one thousand nine hundred and fifteen) who enlisted or was appointed for active service outside Australia in connection with naval or military preparations or operations or in connection with the army, medical, or nursing service.

Right to vote.

3. (1) At any election or poll of electors held during the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty in any municipality or shire a sailor or soldier may, if qualified as by this Act provided, vote without enrolment or any qualification such as is provided in any other Act.

(2)

(2) A sailor or soldier shall be qualified under **George V,
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this Act if—

- (a) he is free from all of the disqualifications <sup>Qualifica-
tions.</sup> mentioned in subsection three of section twenty of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912 (and the provisions of that subsection shall mutatis mutandis apply to the qualification for voting under this Act); and
- (b) he has resided during the three months ending on the day of the election (or of the poll of electors, as the case may be) within the ward or riding (or undivided municipality) in which he claims to vote.

(3) For the purposes of any Act relating to local government a sailor or soldier qualified to vote under this Act shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of a person whose name is on a roll of electors.

4. (1) At any election or poll at which a person <sup>Proof of right
to vote</sup> claims the right to vote as a sailor or soldier under this Act, the electoral officer for the time presiding at the polling-place may require such person to make and sign a statement that he is a sailor or soldier within the meaning of this Act, that his principal place of residence during the preceding three months has been at such an address within the ward, riding, or undivided municipality, and that he is not subject to disqualification under this Act.

(2) Any person who makes and signs any such statement knowing the same to be false shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.