

1906.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 14 September, 1906.

(Brought from the Senate.)

A BILL
FOR
AN ACT

To amend the Papua Act 1905.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Papua Act* 1906, and this Act and the *Papua Act* 1905 shall be read together, and may together be cited as the Papua Acts 1905-6. Short title and incorporation.

2. Section twenty-nine of the *Papua Act* 1905 is amended as follows :— Legislative Council.

10 (a) Sub-section (2) is repealed, and the following sub-section substituted in lieu thereof :—

(2) The Legislative Council shall consist of the Lieutenant-Governor and of the members of the Executive Council, together with such non-official members as are elected in pursuance of this Act by the adult white people resident in the Territory.

15 (b) In sub-section (3) the word "appointed" is repealed, and the word "elected" substituted in lieu thereof.

(c) Sub-section (4) is repealed.

3. After

Election of non-official members of the Legislative Council.

3. After section twenty-nine of the Papua Act the following section is inserted :—

29A (1) The first general election of non-official members of the Legislative Council shall be held as soon after the commencement of this Act as is practicable, and for the purposes of that election the Lieutenant-Governor may make regulations for carrying out and regulating the election. 5

(2) Non-official members of the Legislative Council shall, if elected at a general election, hold office for six years or such shorter period as is determined by ordinance, and if elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the term for which their predecessors in office were elected. 10

(3) Elections, other than the first general election, shall be held at the time and in the manner determined by ordinance.

(4) Until the qualification of non-official members of the Legislative Council is determined by ordinance, any adult white person— 15

- (a) who is a natural born or naturalized British subject, and
- (b) who is a resident in the Territory and has been so resident for a period of six months continuously immediately prior to his nomination, and 20
- (c) who is not under sentence or subject to be sentenced for any offence punishable under the law of the Territory by imprisonment for one year or longer, and
- (d) who is not an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent, and 25
- (e) who does not hold any office of profit under the Crown in the territory, and
- (f) who has no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any agreement with the Government of the Territory otherwise than as a member and in common with the other members of an incorporated company consisting of more than twenty-five persons, 30

shall be qualified to be elected as a non-official member of the Legislative Council.

(5) Every non-official member of the Legislative Council shall be paid such sum for each attendance at a sitting of the Council as is prescribed by ordinance. 35