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## No. 886.

An Act to authorise the taking of a Census within Municipalities.

[Assented to, December 9th, 1905.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made to enable the council of any municipality to take a Census of the inhabitants of such municipality in order to ascertain whether the total number of such inhabitants exceeds twenty thousand, and to thereby enable the Governor to assign the name of "The City of " to such municipality, and the name of "The Corporation of the City of " to the corporation of such municipality—Be it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Municipal Census Act, 1905."

Short title.

2. The Council of any municipality which has reason to believe that the total number of inhabitants within such municipality exceeds twenty thousand may, by petition, pray the Governor to authorise the taking of a Census of such inhabitants.

Council may petition for a Census.

3. Upon receipt of such petition the Governor may, by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette*, authorise the taking of such Census, appoint the town clerk of the municipality or other person to collect the information required, and fix the date for the taking of such Census.

Governor may authorise the taking of a Census.

4. The town clerk or other person appointed as aforesaid shall cause general notices to be affixed on such conspicuous places as may be deemed proper, requiring every householder, employer of servants,

Town clerk to give notice to householders, &c.

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servants, and proprietor or occupier of land within the municipality to be prepared on the day fixed as aforesaid, or the days immediately subsequent thereto, to give all such information as may be required by any form or forms which shall be determined on and published by the town clerk or other person appointed as aforesaid.

Town clerk to collect information.

5. The town clerk or other person appointed as aforesaid may depute other persons to collect the information required on the day appointed, and on the days immediately subsequent thereto, and to take account, in writing, of the number of inhabitants at that time being within the municipality, and ascertain the particulars specified in the form or forms; and such persons are hereby empowered to ask such questions of the householders or inhabitants residing within the municipality as shall be necessary to fill up the said form or forms, and every person refusing or neglecting to answer or wilfully giving a false answer to any such question shall be liable to pay a sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Town clerk to ascertain and certify result of Census.

6. The town clerk or other person appointed as aforesaid shall, within one month after the collection of the information required, proceed to ascertain therefrom the number of inhabitants within the municipality, and shall, in writing, certify as to the exact number of such inhabitants, and shall, before a Justice of the Peace, make a statutory declaration of the truth of such certificate. Such certificate shall, together with the statutory declaration, be forwarded to the Governor.

Governor may assign name of city to municipality.

7. The Governor, on being satisfied that any Census taken under the provisions of this Act discloses that the number of inhabitants in any municipality exceeds twenty thousand, may, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, assign the name of "The City of" to such municipality, and the name of "The Corporation of the City of" to the corporation of such municipality.

Municipality to pay cost of Census.

8. The whole of the expenses incurred in and relating to any Census taken under the provisions of this Act shall be paid by the municipality in relation to which such Census was taken.

Penalty.

9. All fines or penalties imposed and inflicted under this Act shall be recovered in a summary manner before any two or more Justices of the Peace, under the provisions of the Act No. 6 of 1850 and any Acts amending the same.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

GEORGE R. LE HUNTE, Governor.