

Quorum of Board.  
1900, No. 51, sec. 46

Absence of  
Chairman.

Mode of voting.  
Ibid, sec. 47

Acts of Board not  
to be questioned for  
informality.  
Ibid, sec. 48

Term of office of  
Board may be  
extended if engaged  
in hearing dispute.  
Ibid, sec. 49

Special Boards may  
be created in certain  
cases.  
Ibid, sec. 50  
1901, No. 37, sec. 6

Preceding provisions  
applied subject to  
certain modifica-  
tions.  
1900, No. 51, sec. 51

Procedure for  
reference of  
industrial dispute to  
Board.  
Ibid, sec. 52  
1901, No. 37, sec. 8

47. The presence of the Chairman and of not less than one-half in number of the other members of the Board, including one of each side, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at every meeting of the Board subsequent to the election of the Chairman :

Provided that in the case of the illness or absence of the Chairman the other members may elect one of their own number to be Chairman during such illness or absence. 5

48. In all matters coming before the Board the decision of the Board shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present, exclusive of the Chairman, except in the case of an equality of such votes, in which case the Chairman shall have a casting-vote. 10

49. The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its body, and in no case shall any act of the Board be questioned on the ground of any informality in the election of a member, or on the ground that the seat of any member is vacant, or that any supposed member is incapable of being a member. 15

50. In any case where the ordinary term of office expires or is likely to expire whilst the Board is engaged in the investigation of any industrial dispute, the Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, extend such term for any time not exceeding one month, in order to enable the Board to dispose of such dispute, but for no other purpose : 20

Provided that all proceedings for the election of the Board's successors shall be taken in like manner in all respects as if such term were not extended, and also that any member of the Board whose term is extended shall be eligible for nomination and election to the new Board. 25

#### *Special Boards of Conciliators.*

51. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, it is hereby declared that in any part of New Zealand, whether included in a district or not, and whether a Board of Conciliation has been duly constituted or not, a special Board of Conciliators shall, on the application of either party to the dispute, and in the prescribed manner, be constituted from time to time to meet any case of industrial dispute. 30

52. All the provisions of this Act relating to a Board of Conciliation, its constitution, election, jurisdiction, and powers, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to a special Board of Conciliators, subject nevertheless to such modifications as are prescribed, and also to the modifications following, that is to say :— 35

- (a.) The Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Governor.
- (b.) The members of the special Board, who shall be experts in the particular trade under dispute (other than the Chairman), shall, in the prescribed manner, be elected in equal numbers by the employers and industrial unions of employers directly interested in the dispute, and by the industrial unions of workers so interested. 40
- (c.) All or any of the members of the special Board may be members of an existing Board of Conciliation. 45
- (d.) The members of the special Board shall in each case vacate their office on the settlement of the dispute.

#### *Functions and Procedure of Conciliation Boards.*

53. Any industrial dispute may be referred for settlement to a Board by application in that behalf made by any party thereto, and with respect to such application and reference the following provisions shall apply :— 50