

ANALYSIS

Title 1. Short Title 2. Salaries of Magistrates 3. Reference by consent

1960, No. 112

An Act to amend the Magistrates' Courts Act 1947 [25 October 1960]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 1960, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1947* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Salaries of Magistrates—(1) Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1) (as substituted by section 2 of the Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 1956), and substituting the following subsection:

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"(1) Every Magistrate shall be paid a salary at the rate of three thousand pounds a year."

(2) The Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act 1956 is hereby repealed.

(3) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty.

> *1957 Reprint, Vol. 8, p. 647 Amendment: 1959, No. 73

3. Reference by consent—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 62, the following section:

"62A. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, a Magistrate may, with the consent of the parties, refer any question in any proceedings which requires any scientific, technical, business, or professional investigation to the Registrar or a named referee for inquiry and report under this section.

"(2) Where any question is referred under this section, a Magistrate may direct how the reference shall be conducted and may, with the consent of the parties, direct that the Registrar or referee may make his inquiry and may report without being required to hear the parties or to act judicially.

"(3) The report of the Registrar or referee on any question referred to him under this section shall be binding on the parties unless the Magistrate has otherwise directed."