

Hon. Mr. Tole.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
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- 2. Resident Magistrates to have jurisdiction as to adoption of children.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to confer on Resident Magistrates the Jurisdiction vested in District Judges by "The Adoption of Children Act, 1881." Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Adoption of Children Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885." Short Title.

2. All powers, authorities, duties, and functions granted, conferred, or imposed upon a District Judge by "The Adoption of Children Act, 1881" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), or by any regulations made thereunder, may be exercised by any Resident Magistrate within the Resident Magistrate's district wherein he has jurisdiction, or by any other Resident Magistrate acting in his place in such district. Resident Magistrate to have jurisdiction as to adoption of children.

15 But nothing herein shall be deemed to limit or to take away the jurisdiction of any District Judge under the said Act.

3. All regulations heretofore made or hereafter to be made under the said Act or this Act shall be subject to the following additional interpretations, that is to say,— Interpretation of regulations.

20 "The Act" shall mean the said Act, and shall include this Act:

"The Judge" shall mean the District Judge or Resident Magistrate to whom any application is made under the said Act or this Act:

25 "The Court" shall mean the District Court or Resident Magistrate's Court, as the case may be, of the district wherein the Judge or Resident Magistrate to whom the application is made has jurisdiction:

30 "Order" shall mean an order made under the said Act or this Act.