

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*House of Representatives,  
12th October, 1921.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

*Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.*

### BANKING AMENDMENT.

Title.	ANALYSIS.
1. Short Title.	2. Governor-General may fix banking-hours.

#### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Banking Act, 1908.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Banking Amendment Act, 1921, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Banking Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

*Struck out.*

2. (1.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, fix the hours during which any bank or banks carrying on business in New Zealand shall be open for business, and such Order in Council shall be sufficient authority to any bank to which it relates to observe those hours, anything to the contrary in the charter of the bank notwithstanding.

(2.) An Order in Council under this section may relate generally to all banks carrying on business in New Zealand or may relate specifically to any one or more of such banks, or to any branch or branches of any such bank, and may fix different hours for different branches.

(3.) The hours fixed shall be such that the time during which any bank shall be open for business shall be not less than two hours on one day in each week, and not less than five hours on every other day in each week during which the bank is open for business, not being a special bank holiday or part holiday appointed pursuant to section twenty-four of the principal Act.

Provision for  
variation of  
banking-hours,  
on Saturdays.

*New.*

2A. (1.) In this section the term "bank" does not include a savings-bank.

(2.) Except on the bank holidays defined in the principal Act, or on special bank holidays or part holidays appointed as provided by the principal Act, and except as provided by this section, the business premises of every bank shall be open for business from ten o'clock of the morning to three o'clock of the afternoon on every day of the week other than Saturday and Sunday, and from ten o'clock of the morning to noon on every Saturday. 5

(3.) The hours during which bank premises are by subsection *two* hereof required to be open for business on Saturdays may, with the previous consent in writing of the Minister of Finance, be varied from time to time, subject to the provisions following, that is to say:— 10

(a.) The period during which bank premises are by such variation required to be open for business on Saturdays shall be not less than two consecutive hours: 15

(b.) Such variation shall apply to all banks:

(c.) The managing director, general manager, or other chief officer in New Zealand of each bank, shall sign a joint request in writing to the Minister of Finance for his consent to the desired variation: 20

(d.) If the Minister of Finance signifies his consent, the intention so to vary the hours and the proposed variation shall be notified by the banks by advertisement, published on one day in each of three consecutive weeks, in at least one newspaper circulating in each provincial district: 25

(e.) A copy of such notification shall be kept visibly exposed in a prominent position at or near the main entrance to the premises of every bank throughout New Zealand for at least three weeks before the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice hereinafter required: 30

(f.) The Minister of Finance shall cause to be inserted in the *Gazette* a notice setting forth the variation and the fact of his consent thereto: 35

(g.) After the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice the hours specified in such notice as the hours during which bank premises shall be open for business on Saturdays shall be substituted for the Saturday hours defined in subsection *two* hereof: 40

(h.) A notice in the *Gazette* under this section shall be conclusive proof that the requirements of this section have been duly complied with.

(4.) This section does not apply to bank premises in places where the business of the bank is not conducted on every week-day. 45

(5.) Where the number of the staff employed on any bank premises does not exceed three, such bank premises may be closed for one hour on each day, between noon and two o'clock of the afternoon. 50