

[AS REPORTED FROM THE STATUTES REVISION COMMITTEE]

House of Representatives, 26 August 1959

Words struck out by the Statutes Revision Committee are shown in roman enclosed in panel; words inserted are shown in roman with rule down side.

Hon. Mr Mason

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1951

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1959, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the principal
10 Act).

2. **Deputy Registrars**—Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By adding to subsection one the words “One or more
15 Deputy Registrars may be appointed in any case where a Registrar is appointed.”:

(b) By repealing subsection four, and substituting the following subsection:

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“(4) During a vacancy in the office of Registrar at any place, or during the absence from duty of the Registrar at any place, and so long as no Acting Registrar has been appointed to act for the Registrar, every Deputy Registrar at that place shall have all the powers, duties, and functions of the Registrar.” 5

3. Change of name of Maoris—(1) Subsection two of section seventeen A of the principal Act, as inserted by section two of the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1953, is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (f), and substituting the following paragraph: 10

“(f) Includes the natural father of a Maori child whose parents were living together as man and wife at the date of the birth of the child, but does not, in any other case, include the natural father of an illegitimate child.” 15

(2) Subsection four of section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “sections”, the words “seventeen, seventeen A,”.

4. Attendance to sign register—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section thirty-seven, the following section: 20

“37A. (1) Where by any provision of this Act any person is required to attend at the office of a Registrar and sign a register, it shall be deemed sufficient compliance with that provision if that person attends at the Registrar’s office and furnishes to the Registrar 25

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a written statement containing the particulars required to be registered verified by a statutory declaration signed by the person attending as aforesaid. 30

New

a written statement signed by the person attending as aforesaid, and containing the particulars required to be registered. 35

“(2) The provisions of this section shall apply only at such registry offices as may be prescribed in that behalf by the Registrar-General by notice in the *Gazette*.”