

(Mr. Pyke.)

Coroners Act Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Coroners Act, 1867."

Title.

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

Preamble.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Coroners Act Amendment Act, 1875."

Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read and construed with and as part of "The Coroners Act, 1867," which last-mentioned Act is hereinafter referred to as "the said Act."

Construction.

3. Sections three and four of the said Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sections 3 and 4 of "The Coroner's Act, 1867," repealed.

4. Every Resident Magistrate shall by virtue of his office be the Coroner of the district to which he shall have been or hereinafter may be appointed.

Resident Magistrates to be Coroners *ex officio*.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed or implied in the said Act, it shall be competent and lawful for any such Resident Magistrate when acting as Coroner, to take and hold any inquest or inquiry without a jury, and to exercise all the powers and functions conferred by the said Act on a Coroner sitting with a jury.

Resident Magistrates may take and hold inquests and inquiries without juries.

6. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Date of operation.