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CRIMES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Crimes Act, 1908.

Title.

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 Crimes Amendment Act, 1931, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Crimes Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1) From and after the passing of this Act no female shall be sentenced to death, nor shall any person be sentenced to death if at the time of committing the crime of which he has been convicted he was under the age of twenty-one years.

No female and no person under the age of twenty-one to be sentenced to death.

(2) Every person who would have been liable to be sentenced to death but for the passing of this Act shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

3. The principal Act is hereby modified in so far as it may be in conflict with this Act.

Principal Act modified.

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law heretofore enacted, every sentence of death shall be executed by the Controller-General of Prisons or by some substitute appointed by such Controller-General by writing under his hand.

Death sentence to be executed by Controller-General of Prisons.

(2) Sections twelve to twenty-one (inclusive) of the principal Act are hereby consequentially amended by substituting a reference to the Controller-General of Prisons for each reference therein to the Sheriff of the district in which the execution is to take place.