

COOK ISLANDS AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

By section 28 of the Cook Islands Act, 1915, officers of the New Zealand Public Service employed in the Cook Islands are entitled, for superannuation purposes, to count each complete year of service as a year and a half. This right is limited, however, to service subsequent to the commencement of that Act on 1st April, 1916. The object of the present Bill is to confer the same right with respect to service prior to the above date. Similar provision is proposed to be made (in the Samoa Amendment Bill) with respect to service in a civil capacity in Samoa during the period of military occupation. The tropical conditions prevailing in the islands in question make some such rule a necessary concession to the European public servants employed there. The existing limitations in point of time of the application of the rule are illogical, and were probably due in the first instance to an oversight of the fact that Public Services were established both in the Cook Islands and Samoa before the constitution of those territories was formulated.

No. 34-1.

*Hon. Sir Maui Pomare.*

COOK ISLANDS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Computation for superannuation purposes of length of service of officers of New Zealand Public Service employed in Cook Islands Public Service.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Cook Islands Act, 1915.

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 Cook Islands Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Cook Islands Act, 1915 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. (1.) Section twenty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "after the commencement of this Act." Computation for superannuation purposes of length of service of officers of New Zealand Public Service employed in Cook Islands Public Service.

(2.) The provisions of section twenty-eight of the principal Act as amended by this section shall apply with respect to all service in the Cook Islands, whether before or after the commencement of that Act.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington.—1926.