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DEFINITION OF TIME.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to define Time in New Zealand.

Title.

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

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1. This Act may be cited as the Definition of Time Act, 1919.

Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

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“New Zealand standard time” means the time corresponding to the longitude of one hundred and seventy-two degrees thirty minutes east from Greenwich, which time is exactly eleven and a half hours in advance of Greenwich mean time:

“New Zealand clock time” means the time to be observed throughout New Zealand as prescribed by this Act.

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“Hour of two in the morning” means that hour as determined by New Zealand standard time.

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3. From the hour of two in the morning of the first Sunday in October in each year until the hour of two in the morning of the first Sunday in March in the following year, New Zealand clock time shall be one hour in advance of New Zealand standard time, and from the hour of two in the morning of the first Sunday in March in each year until the hour of two in the morning of the first Sunday in October in each year New Zealand clock time shall be the same as New Zealand standard time.

Clock time in summer and winter months.

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4. Whenever any expression of time occurs in any Act, Order in Council, rule, regulation, by-law, contract (written or verbal), deed, or in any instrument whatever, and whenever the doing or not doing anything at a certain time of the day or night, or during a certain part of the day or night, has an effect in law, such time shall, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be deemed to be New Zealand clock time.

Clock time applicable for Acts and instruments.

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5. Observatory time as used for the purposes of astronomy and navigation shall not be affected by this Act.

Astronomical and navigation time not affected.