

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,
26th August, 1908.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Mr. Fisher.

DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Section 7 of the Destitute Persons Act, 1908, amended.

A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Destitute Persons 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 Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act, 1908.

Short Title.

2. Section seven of the Destitute Persons Act, 1908, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsections:—

Section 7 of the Destitute Persons Act, 1908, amended.

Struck out.

“(4.) A Magistrate shall not make an order against any grandparent or any grandchild of a destitute person if such grandparent or grandchild proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that any near relative resident in New Zealand other than a grandparent or grandchild is able to maintain or contribute to the maintenance of the destitute person, and does not so maintain or so contribute a sum adequate to the means of such near relative.”

New.

“(4.) When any proceeding shall hereafter be taken under the said section seven against any grandparent or any grandchild of a destitute person, any such grandparent or grandchild may apply to the Court for a summons calling upon any near relative of a destitute person other than a grandparent or grandchild to answer the claim of such destitute person, and the hearing of any such proceeding shall be postponed until such summons shall be served according to the rules relating to service of summonses.

“(5.) Upon such hearing a Magistrate shall not make an order against any grandparent or any grandchild of a destitute person if such grandparent or grandchild proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that any near relative resident in New Zealand served with such summons, other than a grandparent or grandchild, is able to maintain or sufficiently contribute to the maintenance of the destitute person and does not so maintain or contribute a sum adequate to the means of such near relative, and at any such hearing, upon such proof as aforesaid, such near relative shall be treated as the defendant, and an order made against him accordingly.”

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1908.