

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

*Legislative Council,
19th August, 1881.*

Hon. Mr. Menzies.

EDUCATION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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- 2. School Committees may introduce bible-reading in schools.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend Section Eighty-four of "The Education Act, 1877."

Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Education Act, 1877:"

Preamble.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Education Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1881."

Short Title.

2. Section eighty-four of "The Education Act, 1877," is hereby amended by adding to subsection two the following words, namely:—"Provided always that any such Committee may, if it sees fit, direct that a portion of the Holy Scriptures shall be read aloud by the scholars of one or other of the senior classes every morning at the opening of the school; but no child shall be compelled to attend at the reading herein provided for if his or her parent or guardian shall inform the Committee or the teacher in writing that they object to such attendance; and no such reading shall exceed twenty minutes. It shall not be compulsory on any teacher to attend such reading."

School Committees may introduce bible-reading in schools.

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