

Mr Kirk

FOOTE ADOPTION

[PRIVATE]

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITLED

An Act to give to an interim order of adoption made on the
13th day of October 1964 in favour of Leslie David Foote
and Jean Catherine Leigh Foote as adopting parents of
5 Douglas James Foote force and effect as if it had been a
final order of adoption made on the same day

WHEREAS Douglas James Foote (hereinafter called "the
child") was born on the 19th day of August 1964 and was
the subject of an application for adoption made to the
10 Magistrate's Court at Christchurch by Leslie David Foote
late of Christchurch teachers' college lecturer deceased
(hereinafter called "the father") and Jean Catherine Leigh
Foote his wife (hereinafter called "the mother") upon which
an interim order was made in favour of the father and mother
15 on the 13th day of October 1964: And whereas the father
died on the 17th day of February 1965: And whereas no
application for a final order of adoption of the child had (or
could have) been made prior to the death of the father but
such application was made by the mother on the 13th day of
20 April 1965 and on the 1st day of June 1965 a final order was

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made by the Court in favour of the mother: And whereas it is accepted by all interested parties that it would have been the wish of the father that the child should have been recognised as his child and by having the father's name entered on the child's birth certificate should share in any benefit arising upon his death: And whereas it is the desire of all interested parties that the wishes of the father (hereinbefore referred to) be carried out by ensuring that the interim order of adoption in respect of the child shall be deemed for all purposes to be and always to have been a final order. 5 10

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

1. Short Title—This act may be cited as the Foote Adoption Act 1969. 15

2. Conversion of interim order of adoption into final order—The interim order made by the Magistrate's Court on the 13th day of October 1964 on an application by Leslie David Foote and Jean Catherine Leigh Foote to adopt a child thereby renamed Douglas James Foote shall operate and for all purposes be deemed always to have operated as a final order of adoption; and it is hereby declared that the legal effects and incidents of such order shall be the same, as if the Magistrate's Court at Christchurch had on the 13th day of October 1964 made a final order of adoption in favour of the said Leslie David Foote and Jean Catherine Leigh Foote in respect of the child known as the result of such order as Douglas James Foote. 20 25

3. Private Act—This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act. 30