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FEMALE LAW PRACTITIONERS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable Women to Practice the Profession of Law.

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WHEREAS women are now prevented by statute from exercising their talents in the study and practice of the law, and it is desirable that such disabilities shall no longer continue :

Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Female Law Practitioners Act, 1896."

Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in "The Law Practitioners Act, 1882," and the Acts amending the same, any woman of the age of twenty-one years and upwards may practice as a barrister or solicitor :

Women may become barristers and solicitors.

15 Provided that every qualification, test, examination, certificate, diploma, condition, or limitation applied or required in the case of any man practising as a barrister or solicitor shall be, *mutatis mutandis*, applied or required in the case of any woman.