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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' EXPENSES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for reimbursing Members of the General Assembly their Expenses in relation to their Attendance at Parliament. Title.

BE IT 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 General Assembly Members' Expenses Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. In this Act,— Interpretation.
 "Member" means a member of the Legislative Council or the House of Representatives, as the case may be:

10 " Sitting day," where used in relation to the Legislative Council or the members thereof, or to the House of Representatives or the members thereof, means every day on which such Legislative Council or House of Representatives respectively shall, during any session, be, by their Standing Orders, appointed to sit for the transaction of business.

15 3. There shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund to every member residing at a distance exceeding *ten* miles in a direct line from the building wherein the General Assembly is summoned to meet an allowance of *two hundred and ten pounds* for every session at which he attends; and to every member residing within *ten* miles in a direct line of the place of meeting as aforesaid an allowance of *one hundred and forty pounds* for every session at which he attends; subject as follows, that is to say,— Allowances to members of the General Assembly for attendance each session.

Deduction in case of absence.

(1.) If during any session any member shall absent himself on any sitting day from attending Parliament, there shall be deducted from the allowance to be made to such member three pounds for every such day.

Deduction not to be made in case of illness.

(2.) The preceding provision as to the deduction to be made in the case of absence of any member in attendance on Parliament shall not apply where such absence is caused by reason of illness, or from any other cause which shall, by the Speaker of the House giving the certificate hereinafter mentioned, be therein stated to be unavoidable. 5 10

Travelling allowance.

(3.) In addition to the allowance aforesaid, there shall be paid to every member the actual sums which such member shall have reasonably paid in proceeding to and returning from the place of meeting of the General Assembly: Provided that such payment shall be made only in respect of one journey to and from such place. 15

No payments to be made without Speaker's certificate.

(4.) No payment shall be made to any member except upon the certificate of the Speaker of the House of which the person claiming such payment shall be a member.

(5.) Payments on account of such allowance may be made from time to time not exceeding two pounds for each sitting day on which the member has been present. 20

Exceptions.

4. No payment under this Act shall be made to any member in respect of any session or in respect of any part of any session during which such member— 25

(1.) Holds any one or more of the ministerial offices mentioned in the Third Schedule to "The Civil List Act 1863 Amendment Act, 1873," or any ministerial office that may by law be substituted for or added to the offices mentioned in such Schedule; 30

(2.) Is Speaker of the Legislative Council or of the House of Representatives respectively;

(3.) Or is Chairman of Committees of the said Council or of the House of Representatives respectively.