

Hon. Mr. Parr.

JURIES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Juries 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 Juries Amendment Act, 1923, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) The amount payable pursuant to section one hundred and fifty-nine of the principal Act in respect of the services of jurors in civil proceedings is hereby increased from four pounds to eight pounds for every day or part of a day on which a jury of twelve serves; and from one pound ten shillings to three pounds for every day or part of a day on which a jury of four serves.

Payment by parties in respect of expenses of common jurors.

(2.) Subsection one of the said section is hereby consequentially amended by omitting the words "four pounds," and substituting the words "eight pounds"; and by omitting the words "one pound ten shillings," and substituting the words "three pounds."

3. (1.) Any moneys paid to the Registrar or other officer of the Court pursuant to section one hundred and fifty-nine of the principal Act shall, without further appropriation than this section, be refunded—

Refund of amounts paid in respect of jurors where case withdrawn.

(a.) If the issue or assessment in respect of which the payment is made is withdrawn from the jury, and notice of such withdrawal is given to the Registrar or other proper officer of the Court not later than three clear days before the date fixed for the hearing:

(b.) If the issue or assessment is withdrawn from the jury at any other time, and an order for such refund in whole or in part is made by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

(2.) Save as provided in the *last preceding* subsection, no refund shall be made of any moneys paid pursuant to section one hundred and fifty-nine aforesaid.

Jury lists taken together to constitute common-jury book.

4. (1.) In lieu of compiling the common-jury book by copying from the several jury lists the particulars prescribed by section thirty-nine of the principal Act, the Sheriff may constitute the common-jury book in the manner following, that is to say :— 5

(a.) He shall securely fasten together the several jury lists received by him, and shall number consecutively the several pages of the combined list so formed : 10

(b.) He shall write or cause to be written on the last page of the combined list the words " This list, comprising pages numbered consecutively one to _____, is the common-jury book for [Name of Court town] for the year commencing on the 14th day of May, 19 _____," or words to the like effect, and shall sign the same as Sheriff, and shall set forth the place and date of signature. 15

(2.) The said lists shall thereupon together constitute the common-jury book according to the tenor of the statement thereon as hereinbefore authorized. 20

Section 57 of principal Act (relating to procedure for selection of grand jury) amended.

5. Section fifty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words " place of abode, and addition."

Section 66 of principal Act amended by extending hours for drawing of jurors' names.

6. Section sixty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words " not earlier than eleven o'clock in the forenoon nor later than three o'clock in the afternoon," and substituting the words " not earlier than nine o'clock in the forenoon nor later than four o'clock in the afternoon." 25

Copy of jury panel to be supplied on application.

7. (1.) A copy of every common or special jury panel shall, at any time after the said panel has been prepared, be delivered by the Sheriff to any person requiring the same on payment of a fee of *two* shillings. 30

(2.) This section is in substitution for section ninety-nine of the principal Act, and that section is hereby repealed accordingly.

Section 100 of principal Act amended.

8. Section one hundred of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words " with their respective places of abode and additions." 35