

JURIES AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE purpose of this Bill is to remove the distinction between Maoris and Europeans with respect to jury service and trial by jury.

Clause 2 provides that the principal Act shall apply to Maoris to the same extent that it applies to Europeans and makes consequential amendments.

Clause 3 provides that for a year after the commencement of the proposed Act Maoris will be entitled to a Maori jury or a mixed jury on giving the appropriate notice.

Hon. Mr Hanan

JURIES AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Juries Act 1908

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

1. **Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Juries Amendment Act 1962, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act 1908* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 (2) This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

2. **Maoris to be eligible as jurors**—(1) Every person, whether a Maori or not, shall, if otherwise qualified, be liable and qualified to serve as a juror in accordance with the
15 principal Act.

(2) The principal Act is hereby consequentially amended in the manner indicated in the Schedule to this Act.

(3) The Maori Jury Regulations 1927 and the Maori Jury Regulations 1927, Amendment No. 1, are hereby revoked.

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 6, p. 745

Amendments: 1959, No. 69; 1960, No. 115; 1961, No. 62

3. Transitional provisions—Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this Act, a notice may be given under section 144, section 146, or section 148 of the principal Act in respect of any trial not commenced before the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, and, in any such case, the provisions of the principal Act and the regulations revoked by subsection (3) of section 2 of this Act shall apply with respect to the trial in all respects as if section 2 of this Act were not in force. 5

Section 2 (2)

SCHEDULE

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS OF PRINCIPAL ACT

Section Affected	Amendment
Section 2	By repealing the definition of the term "Maori".
Section 3	By omitting the words "(not being a Maori)".
Section 4	By repealing this section.
Sections 141 to 151	By repealing these sections.
Second Schedule	By omitting from the form in this Schedule the words "not being a Maori".