

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for the Hearing of Charges against Juvenile Offenders. Title.

BE IT 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 Juvenile Offenders Act, 1906." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—
"Juvenile offender" means any person under, or apparently under, the age of sixteen years: Interpretation.
"Magistrate" includes two Justices.

3. (1.) Where a juvenile offender is to be brought before a Court charged with any offence, it shall be the duty of the constable having charge of the case to make a special report thereon, either verbal or in writing, to the Magistrate. Procedure when juvenile offender charged with offence.

(2.) The Magistrate shall thereupon fix a special hour for the hearing of the charge, and notice thereof shall be given to the parents of the child and also, if the Magistrate thinks fit, to any religious or charitable organization which interests itself in the care of children.

(3.) If the offender is under arrest he shall either be at once admitted to bail or given into the charge of some person willing to receive him and to undertake to produce him when required, as the Magistrate thinks fit, or the constable having charge of the case may arrange for him to be taken care of pending the hearing without reference to the Magistrate:

Provided that in no case shall the offender be allowed to remain in a gaol or lock-up pending the hearing.

4. The question whether any person is a juvenile offender within the meaning of this Act shall be decided by the Magistrate. Magistrate to decide if a juvenile offender.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1906.