

(Mr. Steward.)

Justices of the Peace Disqualification.

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AN ACT to Disqualify Persons holding Publicans' Licenses for the Commission of the Peace. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that persons holding publicans' licenses should be disqualified for the Commission of the Peace: 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 shall be "The Justices of the Peace Disqualification Act, 1873." Short Title.

2. In the interpretation of this Act, the words "publican's license" shall mean and include any license to sell fermented or spirituous liquors in any quantity in the house or on the premises specified in such license, and shall include any temporary or contingent license, issued under and by virtue of any Act or Ordinance for the time being in force. The words "licensing authority" shall mean the Chairman of any Licensing Bench, the Superintendent of any Province, or other person authorized by any such Act or Ordinance as aforesaid to grant such license. Interpretation.

3. No person shall be appointed a Justice of the Peace within the Colony of New Zealand who shall be the holder of a publican's license; and any person who now is or who shall hereafter be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, who shall subsequently to such appointment take out a publican's license in his own name or for his own benefit, shall from the date of the granting of such license cease to hold such appointment. No person holding publican's license to be a Justice of the Peace.

4. Every licensing authority by whom a publican's license shall be granted to any person then being a Justice of the Peace shall, within seven days of the granting of such license, forward notice of the same to the Colonial Secretary, or, in default of so doing, shall be liable to a penalty of ten pounds. Notice of granting of license to be forwarded to Colonial Secretary.

5. On receipt of such notice as aforesaid, the Colonial Secretary shall forthwith notify in the *New Zealand Gazette* that the person to whom such notice refers, having taken out a publican's license, is no longer qualified to act as a Justice of the Peace, unless prior to the receipt of such notice as aforesaid from the licensing authority, the person to whom such license has been granted shall have resigned his appointment as a Justice of the Peace, and forwarded notice of such resignation to the Colonial Secretary. Notification to be made in *Gazette*, &c