Mr. H. E. Holland.

LEGISLATURE AMENDMENT (No. 2).

Title. 1. Short Title.

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ANALYSIS.

2. Section 173 of principal Act amended.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Legislature Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Legislature Amendment Act, 1927 Short Title. (No. 2), and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Legislature Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Section one hundred and seventy-three of the principal Act is Section 173

10 hereby amended by adding the following subsections:—

of principal Act amended.

"(3A) Every advertisement advocating the election of a candidate or candidates, whether such advertisement is published in the pages of a newspaper or in the form of posters, pamphlets, handbills, or other printed matter, shall be authorized by a candidate or his agent; and the amount of the charge made for printing and publishing such advertisement shall be deemed to constitute a part of the expenses of the candidate by whom it has been authorized.

"(3B) It shall be an offence for any newspaper or printer to print and publish any advertisement advocating the election of a candidate or candidates unless authorized by a candidate or his agent as provided in sub-section three.

"(3c) In any prosecution arising out of the preceding subsection the onus of proving that the publication of the advertisement was authorized by the candidate or his agent shall

be on the person charged.

"(3D) Within ninety days after the day on which a general election is held, the executive officers of each political party represented in the election shall transmit to the Chief Electoral Officer a true statement of all moneys received on behalf of the said political party and its candidates, and the sources from which such moneys were received.