

[Mr. Hislop.]

Law Practitioners Acts Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Law Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 1871." Title.

WHEREAS "The Law Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 1871," Preamble.
 contains no provision whereby persons objecting to the admission of persons applying to be admitted thereunder are required to give notice of the grounds upon which they intend to object to the prayer of any such petition: And whereas it is expedient that the law should in that respect be amended:

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 Law Practitioners Acts Amendment Act, 1876." Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything in section eight of the said Act, the period for which the further hearing of any petition shall be adjourned shall be forty-five days, and the said section shall read as if the words "forty-five days" were inserted therein, instead of the words "one calendar month." Hearing to be adjourned for forty-five days.

3. Notwithstanding anything in section nine of the said Act, the petitioner shall cause at least forty days' notice to be given, instead of thirty days, as in the said section is provided, and the words "thirty days" in the said section shall be read as if the words "forty days" were inserted therein, instead of the words "thirty days." Forty days' notice to be given by petitioner.

4. At the adjourned hearing the Judges shall only receive evidence to establish such facts and circumstances as shall have been mentioned to the petitioner by the Judge at the first hearing, or notice of which shall have been given in writing to the petitioner, either by serving the same personally on him, or by leaving the same with the Registrar of the Supreme Court at the place at which his application shall originally have been made, at least ten days before the day appointed for the adjourned hearing. No evidence to be given except to substantiate facts, of which notice shall have been given.

5. No person shall be prevented from again applying to be re-admitted, as provided for by the said Act and this Act, on account only of his having made an application previously to the passing of this Act; and any Judge shall have power, upon an *ex parte* application, at any time to allow any person, the prayer of whose petition shall have been refused, to again petition the Supreme Court, upon sufficient grounds disclosed in affidavits filed by the petitioner. Previous petition no bar.