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LAW PRACTITIONERS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Admission of Persons to practise in the Courts of Law. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable to remove certain restrictions relative to the admission of persons to practise the profession of the law, and also to enable duly-appointed persons to act on behalf of any party to civil or criminal proceedings: Preamble.

5 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 is "The Law Practitioners Act, 1883." Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding any law in force in the colony relative to the admission of persons to be barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court of the colony, from and after the passing of this Act every male person of the full age of twenty-one years, and of whose good fame and reputation and of whose learning in law any one or more of the Judges of the said Court shall be satisfied, shall be entitled to be and be admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the said Court, and generally to the practice of the law, and to all the rights and privileges thereof, and shall be enrolled as a barrister and solicitor of the said Court without the payment of any fees except such fees for examination as hereinafter provided as the said Judges may from time to time fix, but not exceeding the sum of three guineas: Admission to the practice of the law.

10 Provided every such person shall previously to such admission be examined in law, and the Judges of the said Court shall from time to time prescribe the time, place, and manner of such examination, and thereby decide upon the competency for admission as aforesaid of every such person:

15 Provided further that every person of good fame and reputation who shall, at the time of the passing of this Act, have undergone and passed the examination in law heretofore prescribed under "The Law Practitioners Act, 1861," and the amendments thereto, shall be and be entitled to be admitted a barrister and solicitor of the said Court as effectually as under section *two* of this Act.

3. Every male person of good moral character may manage, prosecute, and defend any action, suit, or other proceeding in law whatsoever, civil or criminal, on behalf of any party to such action, suit, or other proceeding aforesaid, if such person shall be so specially authorized by such party in writing, or by personal nomination openly in the Court in which such proceeding may be pending. Special advocates competent to conduct proceedings in law.