

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.

Legislative Council,

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Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Marriage Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) The Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy Registrar shall, under the control of the Registrar-General or such Registrar, perform such general official duties as he is called upon to perform under the principal Act or by the Registrar-General or such Registrar.

When Deputies may act.

(2.) On the occurrence from any cause of a vacancy in the office of the Registrar-General or any Registrar, and in case of the absence from duty of the Registrar-General or any Registrar, and so long as any such vacancy or absence continues, the Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy of such Registrar shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the Registrar-General or such Registrar, as the case may be.

(3.) The fact of the Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy of any Registrar exercising any power, duty, or function as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of his authority to do so, and no person shall be concerned to inquire whether the occasion has arisen requiring or authorizing him to do so.

(4.) Sections five and six of the principal Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. (1.) In any case where any Registrar is satisfied that one of the persons intending marriage has been appointed or has enlisted as a member of an Expeditionary Force organized under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, it shall be lawful for such Registrar

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(wheresoever either of the persons intending marriage may reside and notwithstanding that such persons reside in different districts) to issue a certificate of marriage immediately upon the making by one of such persons of the declaration required by section twenty-four of the principal Act.

(2.) Every certificate purporting to be issued by a Registrar under the authority of this section shall be full authority for any Officiating Minister or Registrar to solemnize the marriage.

Section 36 of principal Act amended.

4. Section thirty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

“(3.) The Officiating Minister or the Registrar shall, as soon as practicable after the solemnization by him of the marriage, forward a copy of the entry, certified under his hand, to the Registrar-General.”

Section 38 of principal Act amended.

5. (1.) Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “register the same,” the words “or to forward a certified copy of the entry as aforesaid”; and by adding at the end of the section the words “and his name in the case of an Officiating Minister may be erased from the List of Officiating Ministers.”

Section 39 of principal Act amended.

(2.) Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one all words after the words “Registrars respectively,” and by repealing subsection two.