

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

*House of Representatives,
17th October, 1933.*

Hon. Mr. Cobbe.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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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
5 of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act, 1933, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Marriage Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. III, p. 826

10 2. (1) A marriage between persons either of whom is under the age of sixteen years shall be void:

Avoidance of marriages where either party is under sixteen. Cf. 19 & 20 Geo. V, c. 36, s. 1 (Imperial)

Provided that in any proceedings against a person charged under section two hundred and sixteen of the Crimes Act, 1908, or charged with indecent assault, it
15 shall be a sufficient defence to prove that at the time when the offence is alleged to have been committed he had reasonable cause to believe that the girl in respect of whom it is alleged to have been committed was his wife.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. II, p. 243

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect any marriage solemnized or contracted before the passing of this Act, and any such marriage shall be or become valid in any case where, if this Act had not been passed, it would be or become valid.

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be Officiating
Ministers.

3. A woman shall not be disqualified by reason of her sex from being an Officiating Minister within the meaning of the principal Act, or from having her name entered upon the List of Officiating Ministers compiled for the purposes of that Act.

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