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AN ACT to amend "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893." Title.

BE IT 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 Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act Amendment Act, 1894." Short Title.

2. In this Act, "the said Act" means "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893." Interpretation.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained, it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint any person or persons holding, or who hereafter may hold, the office of Judge of the Native Land Court to be also a Judge or Judges of the Validation Court as established by the said Act, and to hold and exercise such offices concurrently during the pleasure of the Governor, either without additional salary or with such salary and allowances as the Governor shall direct, or as shall from time to time be appropriated for that purpose. Any appointment made under the authority of this Act may at any time be cancelled by the Governor. Native Land Court Judges may be appointed Judges of Validation Court.

4. Subject as aforesaid, every Judge of the Validation Court appointed under the authority of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed under the said Act, and shall have and exercise all jurisdiction, powers, and authorities accordingly: Provided that nothing herein contained shall restrict the power of the Governor to appoint Judges under and by virtue of the said Act; and any Judge heretofore appointed, or who hereafter may be appointed, under the said Act, may hold and exercise concurrently with such appointment the office of a Judge of the Native Land Court. Such Judges to be deemed to have been appointed under the said Act. Proviso.

5. And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of George Elliott Barton, Esquire, to sign and complete orders made by him as a Judge of the Native Land Court, prior to his appointment as a Judge of the Validation Court under the said Act, and such orders, or some of them, have been signed by the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court on behalf of the said George Elliott Barton, as a retired Judge: Now, therefore, it is hereby declared and enacted that the said George Elliott Barton shall have power to sign and complete all orders heretofore made by him as a Judge of the Native Land Court, which have not been signed on his behalf by the Chief Judge as aforesaid. All orders heretofore signed by the Chief Judge on behalf of the said George Elliott Barton, as a retired Judge, are hereby confirmed. Validation.