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## Reprint of Statutes.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for compiling a New Edition of the Enactments in force in New Zealand of a Public and General Nature. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that measures should be adopted for preparing a new edition of the Public General Statutes in force in this colony, omitting therefrom all enactments which have expired by effluxion of time, have had their effect, or have been expressly and specifically repealed or disallowed : Preamble.

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 Reprint of Statutes Act, 1878." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his Commission to three persons, one being a Judge of the Supreme Court, and the others practising barristers of the said Court, constituting such persons Commissioners for preparing a new edition of such statutes, and from time to time, in case of the death, refusal, or incapacity to act of any of the said Commissioners, to appoint some other person to act in the stead of such Commissioner. Governor to appoint Commissioners to compile and print laws.

The Governor may also appoint some fit person to be Secretary to the said Commissioners. Secretary.

3. The Judge to be appointed shall be President of the Commission, and shall preside at the meetings of the Commissioners ; each such meeting shall consist of not less than two Commissioners. Judge to preside.

Clerical assistance.

The Commissioners may employ such clerical assistance as they, from time to time, may find necessary.

Commissioners to prepare and arrange laws for publication.

4. The Commissioners are hereby fully authorized and empowered to prepare and arrange for publication the said edition, omitting all such enactments and parts thereof as have expired, been repealed, or had their effect; and in the said edition the Commissioners are hereby authorized to omit mere formal and introductory words, and all enactments repealing any matter as well as the matter repealed, and the Schedules of all enactments repealed. 5

Imperial Acts affecting the colony may be included.

5. The Commissioners may include in the said edition such enactments of the Imperial Parliament in force in this colony as, from their general interest and importance, the Commissioners may think it desirable should be so included. 10

Local and temporary laws to be omitted.

6. It shall not be necessary to publish in the said edition any enactments of a temporary character, nor any enactments of merely a local or personal nature. 15

Estimates of cost of publication to be submitted to Governor.

7. The Commissioners shall procure from the Government Printer estimates of the expenses of printing and publishing one thousand copies of such edition in volumes of an octavo size, and shall submit the same for the consideration and approval of the Governor; and such edition, when arranged and prepared for publication, shall be transmitted by the said Commissioners to the Government Printer to print the same, if thereto authorized by the Governor; and the said Commissioners shall make such arrangements for correcting the proof, and otherwise securing the correctness and accuracy of the publication, as may to them appear desirable. 20 25

Copies to be evidence.

8. Copies of the said edition, if purporting to be printed under the authority of the New Zealand Government by the Government Printers for the time being, shall be admitted as evidence thereof respectively by all Courts, Judges, Justices, Commissioners, and other officers and persons judicially acting, and upon all occasions whatsoever, without any proof being given that such copies were so printed. 30

Evidence as to general colonial law.

9. In respect of enactments of a public and general nature passed by the Legislature of New Zealand, the copies of the said edition, purporting to be printed as aforesaid, shall in all Courts and upon all occasions whatsoever be taken, deemed, and held to be *prima facie* evidence that they contain the only lawful enactments of the aforesaid Legislature of a public and general nature in force in this colony, from the date of the first and up to the date of the last enactment inserted in the said copies. 35 40

Provided always that nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any operation already affected by, or act done, under any enactment omitted in the said copies, or of any right, title, indemnity, obligation, or liability acquired or accrued under any such omitted enactment.

Distribution and sale of copies.

10. The Government Printer shall, after the printing of the copies aforesaid, or such other number thereof as the Governor may direct, cause a number of official copies to be delivered in manner as the Colonial Secretary may direct, and the remaining copies shall be disposed of by the Government Printer at such price as shall be fixed by the Commissioners. 45 50

Expenses of carrying Act into operation.

11. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint such honorarium to be made to the Commissioners, and such sum to be paid to the Secretary to be employed by the said Commissioners, as he may deem a reasonable remuneration for their respective services; which sums, together with all other necessary charges and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose. 55