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## REPRINT OF STATUTES BILL.

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### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

THE purpose of this Bill is to give statutory recognition to the annotated reprint of the public general statutes (with amendments incorporated), for the publication of which in the early part of next year the Government has already made arrangements.

For the purposes of the publication an Editorial Board has been appointed upon which, at the request of the Government, His Honour the Chief Justice has agreed to act, the other members of the Board being the Attorney-General and the Parliamentary Law Draftsman. Before the reprint is published the Board is required by the Bill to satisfy itself that the editorial work has been properly done.

The reprint is to be printed by the Government Printer, and this fact in itself, by virtue of section 29 of the Evidence Act, 1908, would be sufficient to secure its recognition in the Courts. The success of the undertaking may depend, however, not only on its legal authority, but also on the extent to which that authority is recognized by the general public both in New Zealand and elsewhere, and the purpose of the present Bill is to provide by express enactment that judicial notice of the reprint will be taken in all Courts of Justice in New Zealand.

The draft Bill has been submitted to His Honour, the Chief Justice, and has been approved by him.

T. K. SIDEY, Attorney-General.

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*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,  
9th July, 1931.*

*Hon. Sir Thomas Sidey.*

REPRINT OF STATUTES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN Act to make Provision in Relation to the Publication of an Annotated Reprint of the Public Acts of New Zealand under the Title of "The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)", and to empower the Courts to take Judicial Notice of such Reprint.

Title.

WHEREAS arrangements have been made for the publication in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-two of an annotated reprint of the Public Acts of New Zealand, with amendments incorporated, under the title of "The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)": And whereas it is desirable that all Courts and persons acting judicially should be empowered and directed to take judicial notice of the said reprint: Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Preamble.

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Reprint of Statutes Act, 1931.
- 2. In this Act—

Short Title.

Interpretation.

"The New Zealand Editorial Board" means the Board appointed by the Government for the purposes of the reprint:

"The reprint" means the annotated reprint of the Public Acts of New Zealand, with amendments incorporated, proposed to be published in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-two under the title of "The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)".

3. (1) On being satisfied, after receipt of a report from the New Zealand Editorial Board, that the reprint correctly expresses and sets forth the law enacted in the several Public Acts contained in the reprint, the Attorney-General shall sign a certificate in the form in the Schedule hereto, or to the effect thereof.

Certificate of Attorney-General to be incorporated in reprint.

(2) A copy of the certificate of the Attorney-General shall be printed with and incorporated in the reprint, and such certificate shall

in relation to any enactment contained in the reprint be proof until the contrary is proved, either by the production of the official volume of statutes in which such enactment was originally contained or otherwise, that the reprint correctly expresses and sets forth the law enacted by that enactment and the amendments thereof, if any, as the same is in force at the date of the certificate. 5

Judicial notice to be taken of reprint.

4. Judicial notice of the reprint shall be taken by all Courts and persons acting judicially and the provisions of section twenty-nine of the Evidence Act, 1908, shall extend and apply thereto.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REPRINT OF STATUTES ACT, 1931.

I, . . . . ., His Majesty's Attorney-General in the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby certify that the reprint of the Public Acts, with amendments incorporated, as contained in the publication to be published under the title of "The Public Acts of New Zealand (Reprint)," correctly sets forth the law enacted by the several enactments contained therein, as at the date of this certificate.

Given under my hand at Wellington this . . . . . day of . . . . ., 1932.  
....., Attorney-General.