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SOLICITORS' BILLS OF COSTS.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Bill of costs may be referred to Magistrate for taxation.</p> | <p>3. Magistrate may award costs to either party.</p> <p>4. Amendment of section 31 of "The Law Practitioners Act, 1882."</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for an Examination of Solicitors' Bills of Costs.

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 Solicitors' Bills of Costs Act, 1902."

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in Title II. of "The Law Practitioners Act, 1882," any party chargeable with any bill of costs may elect to refer such bill of costs to a Stipendiary Magistrate or two Justices of the Peace, who may reduce such bill of costs to such amount as he or they may consider fair under the circumstances:

15 Provided that such party shall serve the solicitor concerned with a notice that he intends to take such action seven clear days before the matter is heard in the Court.

3. In considering the question of costs the Stipendiary Magistrate or Justices may award to either party such costs as may be considered reasonable.

4. Section thirty-one of "The Law Practitioners Act, 1882," is hereby amended by striking out the words "by a sixth part" in both places where the said words occur.