

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,
7th July, 1896.*

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

SUPREME COURT ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Powers and jurisdiction of Registrars. 3. Registrars may sit at Chambers.</p>	<p>4. Appeal from decision of Registrar. 5. No proceeding on order while appeal pending, except by leave. 6. Repeal. Saving of powers heretofore granted.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court. 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 Supreme Court Act Amendment Act, 1896"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Supreme Court Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, confer upon any Registrar of the Supreme Court for any district, or for any part thereof, authority to exercise, within such limits of area as from time to time are declared by the same or any subsequent Order in Council, all or any of the powers and jurisdiction referred to in the next succeeding section hereof. Powers and jurisdiction of Registrars.

3. Any such Registrar, if so authorised as aforesaid, may sit at Chambers during the illness of the Judge or his absence from the place where the offices of the Court are situate, and while so sitting shall have the same powers and jurisdiction as a Judge sitting at Chambers, or such lesser powers and jurisdiction as are prescribed by any such Order in Council as aforesaid; and the fact that such Registrar exercises the said powers and jurisdiction respectively shall be sufficient evidence of his authority to do so: Registrars may sit at Chambers.

Provided that the Registrar shall not have power to make any order required by law to be made in Court:

Provided also that, in lieu of himself disposing of any matter brought before him under this Act, he may, if he thinks fit, refer it to the Judge, and the proceedings shall thereupon be transmitted to the Judge in such manner as the Registrar directs.

4. If any person is dissatisfied with any order, judgment, or direction made or given by any Registrar under this Act, such person may appeal to a Judge at Chambers, who may discharge, vary, or affirm the same in such manner and on such terms as he may deem just. Appeal from decision of Registrar.

No proceeding on order while appeal pending, except by leave.

5. Whilst any such appeal is pending, no proceeding shall, without the leave of the Registrar, be taken to enforce or otherwise act upon the order, judgment, or direction appealed against; and, in granting such leave, the Registrar may impose such terms as he deems just.

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Repeal.

6. "The Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Acts Amendment Act, 1893," is hereby repealed:

Provided—

Saving of powers heretofore granted.

(1.) That any Proclamation made by the Governor under that Act may be revoked or varied by Order in Council made by him under this Act, and until so revoked or varied shall continue in force; and also 10

(2.) That all powers and jurisdictions conferred upon any Registrar by or under that Act, or any Act or enactment by that Act repealed, shall continue to be exercisable by him in like manner and subject to the like conditions in all respects as if the same had been conferred on him by Order in Council made by the Governor under this Act. 15