

TIME BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill consolidates and amends the Standard Time Act 1945 and its amendments. The main change made by the Bill is to provide for New Zealand daylight time.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 provides a definition of New Zealand standard time which is the same as that provided in the present Act.

Clause 3 provides that, subject to *clause 4*, the time for general purposes in New Zealand (other than the Chatham Islands) shall be New Zealand standard time, and in the Chatham Islands shall be 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time. This is the same as in the present Act.

Clause 4 is new and provides for the introduction of New Zealand daylight time which is to be 1 hour in advance of the time for general purposes as determined in *clause 3* of the Bill.

Subclause (1) provides that the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, declare that for such period or periods as may be prescribed in the Order, the time for general purposes in New Zealand shall be 1 hour in advance of that provided by *clause 3*.

Subclause (2) provides that New Zealand daylight time shall commence and cease on the day, being a Sunday, specified at 2 a.m. New Zealand standard time.

Clause 5 is new and deals with pay and allowances for any person working during the change to and from New Zealand daylight time.

Subclause (1) provides that where the hours of work of any person are reduced on the day of the change to New Zealand daylight time, by reason of that change, the pay and allowances for those hours of work shall be the same as if those hours had not been so reduced.

Subclause (2) provides that where the hours of work of any person are increased on the day of the change back from New Zealand daylight time, by reason of that change, the excess shall be paid for at the appropriate rate for work performed in excess of the normal hours.

Clause 6 restates the present law that all references in any enactment, Order in Council, order, regulation, or other document whatsoever to a point of time shall be deemed to be a reference to the time for general purposes in New Zealand, as determined by this Act, unless it is specifically stated otherwise.

Clause 7 provides for repeals.

Hon. Mr May

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to fixing the time for general purposes in New Zealand

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Time Act 1974.

10 2. **New Zealand standard time**—For the purposes of this Act and of any other Act the expression “New Zealand standard time” means the time corresponding to the longitude of 180° E of Greenwich, being 12 hours in advance of Greenwich mean time.

3. Time for general purposes—Except as provided in section 4 of this Act—

- (a) The time for general purposes in New Zealand, except for the Chatham Islands, shall be New Zealand standard time; and
- (b) The time for general purposes in the Chatham Islands shall be 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time.

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4. New Zealand daylight time—(1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare that for such period or periods as may be prescribed in the Order in Council—

- (a) The time for general purposes in New Zealand, except for the Chatham Islands, shall be 1 hour in advance of New Zealand standard time; and
- (b) The time for general purposes in the Chatham Islands shall be 1 hour and 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time.

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(2) Any period prescribed in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) of this section shall commence at 2 a.m. New Zealand standard time on the day, being a Sunday, specified in the Order in Council, and shall cease at 2 a.m. New Zealand standard time on the day, being a Sunday, specified in the Order in Council or in any subsequent Order in Council.

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(3) During any period that the time for general purposes in New Zealand is determined under the foregoing provisions of this section, that time shall be known as New Zealand daylight time.

5. Effect of commencement and cessation of New Zealand daylight time on pay and allowances—(1) Where, by reason of the commencement of New Zealand daylight time on the day specified in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act, the hours worked by any person on that day are less than the hours he would otherwise have worked, the pay and allowances of that person for those hours shall be an amount equal to the amount of the pay and allowances for the hours he would otherwise have worked.

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(2) Where, by reason of the cessation of New Zealand daylight time on the day specified in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act, the hours worked by any person on that day are in excess of 5 the hours he would otherwise have worked, the pay and allowances of that person for the excess shall be calculated and paid at the appropriate rates for work performed in excess of normal hours.

6. Reference to point of time in enactments, Orders in Council, etc.—Wherever any reference to a point of time 10 occurs in any enactment, Order in Council, order, regulation, rule, bylaw, deed, notice, or other document whatsoever, the time referred to shall, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be deemed to be the time for general purposes in 15 New Zealand as determined under section 3 or, as the case may be, section 4 of this Act.

7. Repeals—The Standard Time Act 1945 and the Standard Time Amendment Act 1956 are hereby repealed.