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SESSION II. No. I.

INTERPRETATION.

AN ACT for the Interpretation of Acts of the General Assembly of New Zealand. [*28th May*, 1858.]

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

All Acts to be deemed Public Acts.

1. Every Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such unless the contrary be expressly provided by the Act.

Acts to be divided into sections.

2. Every Act shall be divided into sections if there be more enactments than one, which sections shall be deemed to be substantive enactments without any introductory words.

Acts assented to, when to come into operation.

3. Every Act which shall not prescribe the time from which it is intended to take effect, and which shall have been assented to in Her Majesty's name, shall come into operation on the day on which it shall receive the Governor's assent.

Reserved Acts when to come into operation.

4. Every Act which shall not prescribe the time from which it is intended to take effect, and which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, shall come into operation on the day on which the Governor, by Speech Message or Proclamation, shall signify that Her Majesty has assented to the same.

Clerk of Executive Council to indorse on Acts day &c. of assent.

5. The Clerk of the Executive Council of the Colony shall insert in every Act, immediately after the title thereof, the day month and year when the same shall have been assented to by the Governor in Her Majesty's name; and when any Act shall have been reserved by the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, then the day month and year on which the Governor, by such Speech Message or Proclamation as aforesaid shall have signified that Her Majesty has assented to such Act; and such date shall be taken to be a part of the Act, and to be the date of its commencement when no other commencement shall be therein provided.

Acts may be amended in same Session.

6. Every Act may be altered amended or repealed in the same Session of the General Assembly of New Zealand in which it may be passed.

Repeal of Repealing Act not to revive Act first repealed.

7. Whenever any Act repealing in whole or in any part any former Act shall be repealed, such last repeal shall not revive the Act or provision before repealed unless words be added reviving such Act or provision.

Acts may be cited by Short Title.

8. Every Act having a Short Title may for all purposes be cited by such Short Title.

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