

COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

CLAUSE 2: By section 28 of the Copyright Act, 1913, the Governor-General is empowered to extend the protection afforded by that Act to other British dominions.

The Imperial authorities have drawn the attention of the New Zealand Government to the fact that no corresponding provision is made for the extension of the benefits of the Act to British protectorates, and have requested that amending legislation be passed to cure this defect. Clause 2 of the Bill is designed to give effect to the Imperial request. The opportunity is taken to extend the Act at the same time to territories under mandate to His Majesty.

Clause 3: This clause remedies an error in section 7 of the principal Act, in which the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is referred to as "the said Court." The proposed amendment brings section 7 of the New Zealand Act into exact conformity with section 4 of the Imperial Act.

Hon. Mr. Parr.

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ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Copyright Act, 1913.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Copyright Amendment Act, 1924, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Copyright Act, 1913 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) The Governor-General may by Order in Council direct that the principal Act shall apply—

Extension of benefits of principal Act to British protectorates.

(a.) To works first published in any territory under His Majesty's protection, or subject to a mandate conferred on His Majesty by the League of Nations, or in Cyprus as if such works were first published in New Zealand; and

Cf. 1 and 2 Geo. V, c. 46, sec. 28
1913, No. 4, sec. 28

(b.) In respect of residence in any such territory or in Cyprus in like manner as if such residence were residence in New Zealand;

and thereupon, subject to the provisions of the Order, the principal Act shall apply accordingly.

(2.) Any Order made in pursuance of this section may provide that the principal Act shall extend to existing works in which copyright subsists, but subject to such modifications, restrictions, and provisions as are set out in the Order.

3. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "the said Court," and substituting the words "the Judicial Committee."

Correction of error in section 7 of principal Act.