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,

28th August, 1907.

Hon. Dr. Findlay.

CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 3. Repeal.

4. Where instruments may be registered. 5. Saving.

2. Commencement of Act.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Chattels Transfer Act, 1889. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the Chattels Transfer Act Amend- short Title. ment Act, 1907, and shall be read together with the Chattels Transfer Act, 1889 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of Commencement of 10 January, nineteen hundred and eight.

3. Section four of the Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Act, Repeal. 1896, is hereby repealed.

4. No instrument shall be registered in any provincial district where instruments in pursuance of section four of the principal Act, except with the may be registered.

15 Registrar whose office is situated within that district in one of the cities or boroughs following, that is to say: Auckland, New Plymouth, Napier, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Hokitika, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the renewal of the registration Saving. 20 of instruments registered before this Act comes into operation.

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Title.

CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

MEMORANDUM.

THE object of this Bill is to prevent the inconveniences resulting from the fact that bills of sale may now be registered at any office of the Supreme Court within the provincial district in which the chattels are situated. There are already two offices in Auckland, three in Wellington, two in Westland, and two in Otago, and the tendency is towards a gradual increase in the number. As the law now stands it is necessary to search for bills of sale in every Supreme Court office in the provincial district. This Bill prohibits registration except in one place (the chief town) in each of these districts. Under the principal Act, however (section 4), Otago and Southland are treated as different provincial districts, and this provision remains unaffected by the Bill.

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