

Hon. Sir W. J. Steward.

MARRIAGE ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act, 1908.

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5 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 Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1910, and shall form part of and be read together with the Marriage Act, 1908. Short Title.

10 2. (1.) Every marriage between a person and his deceased wife's niece, or between a person and her deceased husband's nephew, which has heretofore been or is hereafter contracted and solemnised before any Registrar or Officiating Minister shall (if otherwise lawfully contracted and solemnised) be deemed to have been and to be valid and binding, and the issue born or hereafter to be born of such marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be born in lawful wedlock. Marriage with deceased wife's niece or deceased husband's nephew lawful.

20 (2.) This section shall not render valid any marriage as aforesaid in any case where either of the parties to that marriage has thereafter and during the lifetime of the other of the parties, but before the passing of this Act, lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor any marriage between a man and his own niece, or between a woman and her own nephew; nor shall this section be held to have deprived any person of any property which he may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act, or 25 affect any then existing *lis pendens*.

(3.) For the purposes of this section "niece" means sister's daughter or brother's daughter, and "nephew" means brother's son or sister's son.

30 3. Section forty-six of the Marriage Act, 1908, is hereby repealed. Repeal.