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#### ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Estate Bill may be referred to a Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court.

3. Fee to be paid.

### A BILL INTITULED

# An Act for enabling the General Assembly Title. to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court on Private Estate Bills.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the General Assembly should have Preamble. authority to refer any Bill comprised in the third class of Private Bills to one or more Judges of the Supreme Court and to obtain his or their opinion thereon

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled and by the authority thereof as follows—

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Private Estate Bill Short Title. Act 1865."

II. When a petition for a Private Estate Bill or any Private Bill Estate Bill may be recomprised within the third class of Private Bills shall be or shall have ferred to a Judge or been presented to the Legislative Council the said petition with a Court. printed copy of the Bill annexed or such Bill at any stage of its progress in the Legislative Council may be referred by the Speaker of the said Council to one or more Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court who after perusing the said Bill without requiring any proof of the allegations therein contained shall report to the Council his or their opinion thereon under his or their hand and whether presuming the allegations contained in the preamble of such Bill to be proved to the satisfaction of the Legislative Council in Parliament assembled it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law and whether the provisions thereof are proper for carrying its purposes into effect and what alterations or amendments if any are necessary in the same and if he or they shall approve the said Bill he or they shall sign the same.

III. There shall be paid by the promoters of any such Bill on Fec to be paid account of such reference as aforesaid a fee of five pounds (£5) for each four pages or incomplete part of four pages of the Bill which fee shall be received accounted for and appropriated as other fees

payable on Private Bills pending in the General Assembly.