This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 18th September, 1906.

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

PAYMENT OF JURORS.

ANALYSIS.

1. Short Title. 2. Payment of jurors in civil cases. 3. Payment of jury fee.

4. Act not to apply to special jurors.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Payment of Jurors. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Payment of Jurors Act, Short Title. 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Juries Act, 1880" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. (1.) Every juror who is summoned and duly attends at any Payment of jurors 10 sittings of the Supreme Court or the District Court to try civil in civil cases. issues or assess damages shall for every day that he so attends be entitled to be paid the sum of eight shillings if he so attends for more than four hours in the day, and the sum of four shillings if he so attends for not more than four hours in the day.

(2.) The sums payable to any juror under this section shall be paid to him by the Registrar or other officer of the Court when the juror is discharged from attendance, and all such sums shall be paid from moneys to be appropriated by Parliament out of the Consoli-

dated Fund.

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3. (1.) The party on whose application the jury has been obtained, Payment of jury 20 or, if there has been no such application, the party bringing on the issue for trial, or the plaintiff in every assessment of damages, shall pay to the Registrar or other proper officer of the Court for every day or part of a day on which the jury serves the sum of four pounds 25 where the trial or assessment is by a jury of twelve, and one pound ten shillings where the trial or assessment is by a jury of four.

(2.) Such payment shall be made as follows:

(a.) For the first day's service, when the issue or assessment is set down for hearing; and

(b.) For each subsequent day's service, before the proceedings of the day are commenced.

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(3.) All sums received under this section shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.

Act not to apply to special jurges.

Repeal.

4. This Act shall not apply to special jurors.

5. The principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) As to section one hundred and sixty thereof: By repealing the words "if a common jury, ten shillings"; and

(b.) By repealing section one hundred and sixty-three thereof.

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