

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 16 December 1982

STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

Proposed Amendments

Hon. J. K. McLAY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

New Clauses

To add the following new clauses:

13. Sections to be read with Juries Act 1981—This section and the next succeeding section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act 1981* (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

*1981, No. 23

14. Judge may order removal of trial if no courtroom available—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 16 but before the heading *Constitution of Jury*, the following section:

“16A. (1) Where a trial is to be held at any place within a jury district and the Judge before whom it is to be held is satisfied, at any time after the panel has been prepared in accordance with section 13 of this Act, that no adequate courtroom is available at that place, he may order that the trial be held at some other convenient place, whether within or outside that jury district.

“(2) Where, in any case to which subsection (1) of this section applies, the jurors have already been summoned, the Registrar shall issue fresh summonses unless the Judge considers that it would be impracticable to do so and instructs the Registrar accordingly.

“(3) No person shall be required to attend for jury service at the new venue if that venue is outside the jury district and is more than 30 kilometres by the most practicable route from that person’s place of residence.”

That clauses 13 and 14 be a separate Bill, and that for clause 13 there be substituted the following Title, enacting words, and Short Title:

An Act to amend the Juries Act 1981

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Juries Amendment Act 1982, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act 1981 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

New Clauses

Clause 14 inserts a new section 16A in the Juries Act 1981.

The new section allows a trial judge to order the removal of the trial to another venue (whether within or outside the jury district from which the jury is drawn) where he considers that the courtroom in which the trial was to have been held is inadequate.
