



## Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act 1891

1891

**Citation:** 54 & 55 V. No 49

**Date of Assent:** 25 September, 1891

**Commencement:** Date of Assent

**Repeal:** Repealed 13 September, 1902 by 1902, No 6

**Amendments:** –

**Type of Legislation:** Public

**Subject:** Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction  
Alienation of Maori Land  
Validation

**Relevant Sections:**

s2: Repeals s28 Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act 1889 and the first paragraph of s5 of the Native Land Laws Amendment Act 1890. Any proceedings which question the validity of any alienation/acquisition of land within the meaning of s20 Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act 1889, or the validity of any deed intending to effect such alienation/acquisition to be stayed until the end of the next session of Parliament. The land concerned to be inalienable for that period.

s3: Parts of Horowhenua to be inalienable until the end of the next session of Parliament and any proceedings commenced in relation to the distribution of rents and profits are stayed for that period.

**Commentary:** The original intention of this Bill was to give the Native Land Court power to make investigations into past transactions that were technically defective or fraudulent. The decision of the Court was to have been final, but there were very strong objections to a Native Land Court Judge having such power, so the Act was passed in this form as a compromise until a better solution could be devised. The Act stays the work of the Commissioners appointed to investigate such transactions under the Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act 1889 until after the next session of Parliament, by which time the Government passed the Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act 1892 to carry out the original aims of this Act.

**Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 74 (1891) 948 - 955, 959, 967 - 974.