



## Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act Amendment Act 1894

- Citation:** 58 V. No 46
- Date of Assent:** 24 October, 1894
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 24 December, 1909 by 1909, No 15
- Amendments:** 1895, No 52: See separate record.  
s73 amends s3  
s74 repeals s6.
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction  
Validation
- Relevant Sections:**
- s3: Native Land Court Judges or District Court Judges who are barristers may be appointed Judges of Validation Court.
  - s4: Judges appointed under this Act deemed to be appointed under the Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act 1893 and any Judge may hold that position at the same time as the position of Native Land Court Judge.
  - s5: Validation of NLCt orders signed by Judge George Barton and those signed on his behalf by the Chief Judge.
  - s6: Commencement of proceedings in Validation Court shall stay proceedings in any other Court.
  - s7: Amends s3 Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act 1893, jurisdiction does not have to be within a Native Land Court district.
- Commentary:** When the Validation Court was set up in 1893 the intention was that its Judges should be independent and that they should not be Native Land Court Judges. The Attorney-General, Buckley, had said in 1893 that the intention was "to give to the Judges who may be appointed some status by which their independence may be secured". This Act now allows Native Land Court and District Court Judges who are barristers to be appointed Validation Court Judges. When the Bill was before Parliament, the Validation Court was only operating in the East Coast and Seddon said that the necessity to appoint special Judges had prevented the Government from establishing the Validation Court elsewhere.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 82 (1893) 311 - 313  
NZPD vol 83 (1894) 395 - 396  
NZPD vol 86 (1894) 943
- Reported Court Case:**  
*Barker v. Edger* (1895) (s.6): 14 N.Z.L.R. 137, 669.