



Juries Amendment Act 2001

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Juries Amendment Act 2001.
- (2) In this Act, the Juries Act 1981 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 1 January 2002.

3 Jury districts

- (1) Section 5(3) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the expression “subsection (4)”, and substituting the words “subsections (3A) and (4)”.
- (2) Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (3), the following subsection:
“(3A) The District Court jury district for Kaikohe includes all places within 45 kilometres by the most practicable route from the courthouse in Kaikohe.”
- (3) Section 5(4) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “of this section”, and substituting the words “, or subsection (3) and subsection (3A)”.
- (4) Section 5(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraph (b), and substituting the following paragraph:

- “(b) no place included in a District Court jury district for a Court town is,—
- “(i) in the case of Kaikohe, more than 45 kilometres by the most practicable route from the courthouse in Kaikohe; and
 - “(ii) in the case of any other Court town, more than 30 kilometres by the most practicable route from the courthouse in that town.”

4 Judge may order removal of trial if no courtroom available

Section 16A of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:

- “(3) No person is required to attend for jury service at the new venue if that venue is outside the jury district and is,—
- “(a) in the case of the District Court jury district for Kaikohe, more than 45 kilometres by the most practicable route from that person’s place of residence; or
 - “(b) in the case of any other jury district, more than 30 kilometres by the most practicable route from that person’s place of residence.”

5 Transitional provisions

- (1) Nothing in this Act affects the validity of any jury list or jury panel that was prepared and in use immediately before the commencement of this Act.
 - (2) Nothing in this Act affects the validity of the composition of any jury that was constituted before the commencement of this Act and continued to serve after that date.
 - (3) Nothing in this Act affects the validity of the composition of any jury that was constituted after the commencement of this Act from a jury list that was prepared and in use immediately before the commencement of this Act.
 - (4) Nothing in this Act affects the validity of a summons that was issued under the principal Act before the commencement of this Act, and is intended to continue to have effect after that date.
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Legislative history

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26 September 2001	Royal assent

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Courts.
