

## Coroners Act Amendment.

### ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title. Commencement of Act.</p> <p>2. Repeal of sections 3, 4, 5, and 28 of "Coroners Act, 1867."</p> <p>3. Every Resident Magistrate to be a Coroner.</p> <p>4. Number of jurors at inquest not to exceed seven.</p>	<p>5. In special cases jury may consist of four members. Should it be impossible to obtain a jury, power to do without.</p> <p>6. In which case Coroner to transmit a statement of his reasons for holding inquest without jury.</p> <p>7. Fee for holding inquest to be abolished.</p>
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### A BILL INTITULED

#### AN ACT to amend "The Coroners Act, 1867."

Title.

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

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| <p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>25</p> <p>30</p> | <p>1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Coroners Act Amendment Act, 1876." And it shall come into operation on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.</p> <p>2. Sections three, four, five, and twenty-eight of "The Coroners Act, 1867," (hereinafter called "the said Act,") are hereby repealed.</p> <p>3. Every Resident Magistrate shall, by virtue of his office, be the Coroner of the Resident Magistrate's district to which he shall have been or may hereafter be appointed, and, in the event of there being two or more Resident Magistrates for any such district, then such one as the Governor shall appoint.</p> <p>4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the said Act, the number of jurors at any inquest or inquiry to be taken by or before any Coroner shall not exceed seven.</p> <p>5. If at any time difficulty shall be found in obtaining seven jurors at any inquest or inquiry to be taken by or before any Coroner, it shall be lawful for such Coroner to take or hold such inquest or inquiry with not less than four jurors, and, in cases where it shall be found impracticable or impossible to obtain four jurors, then without any jury; and every such Coroner shall have the same power as he and a full jury would have had under the said Act, or would have under this Act.</p> <p>6. Whenever, under the power contained in the preceding section, any such inquest or inquiry shall be taken or held by or before any Coroner, such Coroner shall forthwith transmit to the Minister of Justice for the time being a statement of the reasons why such inquest or inquiry was taken or held before him with a less number of jurors than seven, or without any jury, as the case may be.</p> <p>7. From and after the coming into operation of this Act, the fee of two pounds two shillings mentioned in the Third Schedule to the said Act as payable to the Coroner, Deputy, or Justice, for holding any inquest, shall be abolished and cease to be payable.</p> | <p>Short Title. Commencement of Act.</p> <p>Repeal of sections 3, 4, 5, and 28 of "Coroners Act, 1867."</p> <p>Every Resident Magistrate to be a Coroner.</p> <p>Number of jurors at inquest not to exceed seven.</p> <p>In special cases jury may consist of four members.</p> <p>Should it be impossible to obtain a jury, power to do without.</p> <p>In which case Coroner to transmit a statement of his reasons for holding inquest without jury.</p> <p>Fee for holding inquest to be abolished.</p> |
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