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## JURIES AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Juries Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Juries Amendment Act, 1934, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, in any action in the Supreme Court in which the only relief claimed is—

A jury of four may be had where the amount in issue does not exceed £500.

(a) Payment of a debt or of pecuniary damages not exceeding five hundred pounds; or  
(b) Recovery of chattels not exceeding five hundred pounds in value,—

either party may obtain a jury of four on filing a notice to that effect not less than eight days before the date of hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be served on the opposite party on the date of filing the same.

A jury of twelve where amount in issue exceeds £500.

3. If the debt or damages, or the value of the chattels claimed, exceeds five hundred pounds the action shall be tried before a Judge and jury of twelve persons, unless both parties agree in writing to trial by a jury of four or without a jury.

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Special jury in certain cases.

4. (1) Every action for personal injuries, founded upon a breach of contract, express or implied, shall be triable by a Judge and special jury, and in such case a special jury shall mean a jury comprised of persons engaged in the occupation or trade in connection with which the plaintiff was injured.

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(2) For the purpose of selecting the jury the Sheriff shall, within seven days after the setting down of the cause for trial, prepare a list of forty-eight persons eligible to act as jurymen, and thereafter the number shall be reduced and the jury selected in the manner prescribed by the principal Act.

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Principal Act and code of civil procedure modified.

5. The provisions of the principal Act and of the code of civil procedure are hereby modified in so far as they may conflict with the provisions of this Act.

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