

JUDICATURE AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2: The number of Judges of the Supreme Court is fixed at fourteen (including the Chief Justice) by subsection 1 of section 4 of the Judicature Act 1908, as inserted by section 4 (1) of the Judicature Amendment Act 1957. This clause increases the total number of Judges of the Supreme Court to fifteen. It is made retrospective to 9 April 1959, the date of the appointment of the Hon. Mr Justice Haggitt.

Clause 3 provides that the Hon. Mr Justice Haggitt is to be deemed to have been permanently appointed on 9 April 1959. It also safeguards his rights under the Superannuation Act 1956.

Hon. Mr Mason

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Judicature Act 1908

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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1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Judicature Amendment Act 1959, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Judicature Act 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 2. **The Judges of the Supreme Court**—(1) Section four of the principal Act, as inserted by subsection one of section four of the Judicature Amendment Act 1957, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the word “thirteen”, and substituting the word “fourteen”.
- 15 (2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

3. Appointment of Hon. Mr Justice Haggitt—(1) The Honourable Bryan Cecil Haggitt, who was appointed to be a Judge of the Supreme Court for a limited period on the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall be deemed to have been appointed permanently on that date. 5

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection two of section seventy-seven of the Superannuation Act 1956, the said Honourable Bryan Cecil Haggitt may make an election under subsection one of that section at any time within three months after the date of the passing of this Act, and such an election shall be deemed to have taken effect on the said ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine. 10