

LIMITATION OF SOLICITORS' FEES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to limit Solicitors' Fees in certain Cases.

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Limitation of Solicitors' Fees Act, 1897." Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in "The Magistrates' Courts Act, 1893," or any regulation or Order in Council thereunder, it is hereby declared that in proceedings in that Court in the exercise of its ordinary jurisdiction the fees which the solicitor for a party having a judgment carrying costs is entitled as against the other party to charge on such judgment shall not exceed the fees specified in the Schedule hereto: Solicitors' fees in ordinary jurisdiction cases limited.

15 Provided that such fees shall be in addition to any moneys properly paid out of pocket by such solicitor for fees of Court or other necessary payments or disbursements, and shall be computed in manner prescribed by section one hundred and sixty-nine of the aforesaid Act.

20 3. No professional fees shall be awarded in proceedings under "The Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Act, 1874," in any Court. No fees in imprisonment-for-debt cases.

SCHEDULE.

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SOLICITORS' FEES FOR THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS IN THE ACTION.

	Where the Amount claimed or the Value of the Property recovered is			
	Under £5.	Under £10 and not under £5.	Under £20 and not under £10.	£20 or upwards.
In defended cases ...	No fee	£ s. d. 0 5 0	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 1 1 0
In undefended cases	No fee	No fee	0 5 0	0 10 6

In defended tenement cases ... Such fee, not exceeding £1 1s., as the Court directs.

In undefended tenement cases... Such fee, not exceeding 10s. 6d., as the Court directs.