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*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council.*

*11th September, 1919.*

*Hon. Sir Francis Bell.*

## OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND DOCUMENTS.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision with respect to the Exercise of certain Powers by or on behalf of the Governor-General and the Governor-General in Council. Title.

5 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 Official Appointments and Documents Act, 1919. Short Title.

10 2. Where by any Act or by virtue of his office the Governor-General or the Governor-General in Council is authorized to make, confirm, or approve the appointment of a person to any office or employment, whether in the service of the Crown or otherwise, or as a member of any Board or local or public authority, it shall not be  
15 necessary, notwithstanding the provisions of any Act to the contrary, for the Governor-General in so doing to execute any warrant or other instrument of such appointment, confirmation, or approval.

3. (1.) Where by any Act or by virtue of his office the Governor-General or the Governor-General in Council is authorized  
20 to execute any deed or other instrument relating to land, or to approve or consent to any such deed or other instrument, it shall be sufficient for all purposes if such deed or other instrument is executed or approved or consented to by a Minister of the Crown acting by direction of the Governor-General or the Governor-General  
25 in Council. Mode of execution of instruments by Governor-General or Governor-General in Council.

(2.) A certificate signed by the Clerk or Acting Clerk of the Executive Council that such deed or other instrument was executed, approved, or consented to by a Minister of the Crown acting by direction of the Governor-General or of the Governor-General in Evidence of due execution of instruments.

Council shall be sufficient evidence, unless the contrary be proved, of the facts so certified.

(3.) No proof shall be required of the handwriting or official status of the Clerk or Acting Clerk of the Executive Council certifying in pursuance of this section. 5

(4.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Property Law Act, 1908, or the Land Transfer Act, 1915, or any other Act, it shall not be necessary that the signature of the Minister of the Crown executing any deed or other instrument or approving or consenting to the same in pursuance of this section, or of the Clerk 10 or Acting Clerk of the Executive Council certifying as provided by this section, be attested by a witness.