



Family Courts Amendment Act 2016

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 **Title**

This Act is the Family Courts Amendment Act 2016.

2 **Commencement**

This Act comes into force on 1 March 2017.

3 **Principal Act**

This Act amends the Family Courts Act 1980 (the **principal Act**).

4 **Section 7 amended (Acting Family Court Judges)**

Replace section 7(1) with:

- (1) The Chief District Court Judge may authorise a Family Court Judge to act in place of the Principal Family Court Judge if—
- (a) the Principal Family Court Judge is absent for any reason; or
 - (b) the office of the Principal Family Court Judge is vacant.

Legislative history

14 September 2016	Divided from Judicature Modernisation Bill (Bill 178–2) as Bill 178–3P
11 October 2016	Third reading
17 October 2016	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.