

Provincial Laws Evidence Act 1877

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An Act to rectify an Error made in certain cases in the Printing of Provincial Laws.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by “The Official Documents Evidence Act, 1860,” it is enacted, amongst other things, that all copies of Acts or Ordinances made or ordained by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any province (herein called provincial laws), purporting to be printed under the authority of the Government of such province by the printer for the time being to such Government, shall be admitted as evidence of such Acts and Ordinances respectively by all Courts, Justices, Commissioners, and other officers and persons judicially acting, without any proof being given that such copies were so printed: And whereas from certain copies of provincial laws, printed under the authority aforesaid, there has been omitted an impressed note of the fact of such copy having been so printed, in default of which impressed note the said copies may not be admitted as evidence of such provincial laws:

For the remedying of such omission aforesaid,—

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Short Title.

The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Provincial Laws Evidence Act, 1877.”

2 Copies of laws may be sent to Supreme Court for authentication.

Any person who has any copy of any provincial law, whereon there appears no impressed note that such copy was printed in conformity with the provision recited in the preamble to this Act, may transmit such copy for authentication in manner herein provided to the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the provincial district to which such copy of a provincial law relates.

3 Registrar may affix Seal of Supreme Court to copies.

The Registrar aforesaid, on receiving any such copy, either shall satisfy himself, in manner as he shall think fit, that the said copy was printed in manner hereinbefore required, or he may compare such copy with the original record of such provincial law, which shall be delivered by the person having the custody thereof to the Registrar for the purpose; and upon evidence to his satisfaction in either case such Registrar shall authenticate such copy by affixing thereon the seal of the Supreme Court, for which affixing a fee of two shillings and no more shall be charged, and thereupon such copy shall be admitted as evidence of the provincial law of which it is a copy, in manner provided in the hereinbefore recited enactment.