

## **Family Courts Amendment Bill**

(Divided from the Judicature Modernisation Bill)

Government Bill

As reported from the committee of the whole House

This Bill was formerly part of the Judicature Modernisation Bill as reported from the Justice and Electoral Committee. The committee of the whole House has further amended the Bill and divided it into the following Bills:

- Senior Courts Bill comprising clauses 1 and 2, Part 1, and Schedules 1A to 4
- District Court Bill comprising Part 2 and Schedules 5 to 7
- Judicial Review Procedure Bill comprising Part 3 and Schedule 8
- Interest on Money Claims Bill comprising Part 4 and Schedules 9AAA, 9AA, and 9
- Electronic Courts and Tribunals Bill comprising Part 5
- Arbitration Amendment Bill comprising subpart 1 of Part 6
- Bills of Exchange Amendment Bill comprising subpart 2 of Part 6
- Building Societies Amendment Bill comprising subpart 3 of Part 6
- Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Amendment Bill comprising subpart 4 of Part 6
- Companies Amendment Bill (No 2) comprising subpart 5 of Part 6 and Schedule 10
- Contractual Remedies Amendment Bill comprising subpart 6 of Part 6
- Copyright Amendment Bill (No 2) comprising subpart 7 of Part 6
- Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill comprising subpart 8 of Part 6
- Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill comprising subpart 9 of Part 6
- Employment Relations Amendment Bill (No 4) comprising subpart 10 of Part 6
- this Bill comprising subpart 11 of Part 6

- Insolvency Amendment Bill comprising subpart 12 of Part 6
- Local Government (Rating) Amendment Bill comprising subpart 13 of Part 6
- Property Law Amendment Bill comprising subpart 14 of Part 6
- Remuneration Authority Amendment Bill (No 2) comprising subpart 14A of Part 6
- Resource Management Amendment Bill comprising subpart 15 of Part 6
- Te Ture Whenua Maori Amendment Bill comprising subpart 16 of Part 6
- Trans-Tasman Proceedings Amendment Bill comprising subpart 17 of Part 6

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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**.

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#### **548 Principal Act**

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

#### **549 Section 7 amended (Acting Family Court Judges)**

Replace section 7(1) with:

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- (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.

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**Legislative history**

14 September 2016

Divided from Judicature Modernisation Bill (Bill 178–2) as  
Bill 178–3P

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