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**AN ACT to regulate the appointment and tenure of office of Attorney-General for New Zealand. [8th October 1866.]**

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Attorney-General’s Act 1866.” Short Title.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty from time to time to appoint by commission under the Seal of the Colony a fit and proper person being a Barrister of the Supreme Court of New Zealand to be Her Majesty’s Attorney-General in and for the Colony. Governor empowered to appoint as Attorney-General any fit person being a Barrister of Supreme Court.

III. The Commission of every Attorney-General hereafter appointed shall be and continue in full force during his good behaviour notwithstanding the demise of Her Majesty Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty upon the address of both Houses of the General Assembly to remove any Attorney-General from his office and to revoke his Commission Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time when the General Assembly shall not be in session to suspend any Attorney-General from his office and such suspension unless previously revoked shall continue in force until the end of the then next session of the General Assembly and no longer. Appointment to be during good behaviour but removable on address of both Houses of the General Assembly.

IV. There shall be paid to every Attorney-General so long as his Commission shall continue in force an annual salary of one thousand pounds sterling. Annual salary of £1000 to be paid.

V. No Attorney-General shall during his continuance in office be capable of being a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony or of either House of the General Assembly. Attorney-General not to be member of Executive or of either House of Assembly.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Attorney-General to hold any other office under the Crown the duties of which are not incompatible with Attorney-General may hold any other office not incom-

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the office of Attorney-General and it shall be lawful for him to practise as a Barrister of the Supreme Court but only in such place as shall for the time being be the Seat of Government or at the Court of Appeal when held elsewhere except with the sanction of the Governor Provided that the Attorney-General shall not in any prosecution information or other criminal proceeding accept any retainer on behalf of or act or be in any way concerned as Barrister for the person charged prosecuted or proceeded against or otherwise adversely to the Crown nor act or be concerned as Barrister adversely to the Crown in any action suit or proceeding in any Court of Law or in any cause matter or thing in which the Crown is a party or is interested except with the license and permission of the Governor first obtained Provided also that it shall not be lawful for the Attorney-General to practise act or be concerned as Solicitor in any cause matter or thing except for and on behalf of Her Majesty.

Commencement of  
Act.

VII. This Act shall not come into operation until such day as the Governor shall by proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette* fix and appoint for that purpose and upon a day being so fixed and appointed this Act shall come into operation as if such day had been fixed and appointed herein and it is hereby expressly declared that the Governor shall have no power to revoke or cancel such proclamation.

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