

*Private Bills Evidence.*

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SESSION III. No. I.

AN ACT to enable the Committees of both Houses of the General Assembly to administer Oaths to Witnesses in certain cases. [17th August, 1860.]

PRIVATE BILLS  
EVIDENCE.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Committees of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives to whom Private Bills may be referred should be enabled to administer oaths to witnesses examined before them : Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "*The Private Bills Evidence Act, 1860.*" Short Title.

2. Any Select Committee of the Legislative Council or of the House of Representatives, or a Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, to which any Private Bill may be referred by the Legislative Council or House of Representatives respectively, may examine witnesses upon oath upon matters relating to such Bill, and for that purpose may administer an oath to any such witness. Select Committees of Houses may examine witnesses on oath and administer the same.

3. Any person examined as aforesaid who shall wilfully give false evidence shall be liable to the penalties of perjury. False evidence perjury.