

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1914.

A BILL

To authorise the jurisdiction of the Master in Equity to be extended ; to enable the judges of the Supreme Court to make rules relating thereto ; to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the " Master in Equity's Short title. Jurisdiction Extension Act, 1914."

Master in Equity's Jurisdiction Extension.

2. The judges of the Supreme Court, or any three of them, may make rules— Judges may make rules.

- (a) empowering the Master in Equity to do such things and transact such business and to exercise such authority and jurisdiction in the same as by virtue of any statute or custom or by the rules and practice of the court are now done, transacted, or exercised by the Chief Judge in Equity upon summons, motion, or petition, and as may be specified in any such rule ;
 - (b) regulating the practice before the Master in the exercise of jurisdiction under such rules ; and
 - (c) fixing the scale of costs and the scale of fees in respect of business transacted before the Master under such rules.
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