

**BUSH FIRES.**

13° Elizabeth II., No. XXIII.

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**No. 23 of 1964.**

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**AN ACT to amend sections eight and eighteen of the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1963.**

[Assented to 28th October, 1964.]

**BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1964.*

Short title  
and citation.

(2) In this Act the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1963, is referred to as the principal Act.

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1961, as  
amended by  
Act No. 11  
of 1963.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Bush Fires Act, 1954-1964.

S. 8  
amended.

2. Section eight of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by repealing and re-enacting subsection (2) as follows—

(2) (a) The Board shall consist of thirteen members who, subject to this section, shall be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister.

(b) Each member of the Board, other than the Chairman thereof, shall be appointed to hold office for a term of three years but is eligible for re-appointment if at the time of his re-appointment he is a person who, in all respects, is eligible to be appointed to office as a member of the Board.

(c) Each member of the Board, other than the Chairman thereof, holding office of member on the coming into operation of the Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1964, who was appointed to the office—

(i) after the thirteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-two shall be deemed to have been so appointed for a term of three years from the date of such appointment;

(ii) before that date shall on a day six months after the coming into operation of the Bush Fires Act Amendment Act, 1964, cease to hold office,

but is eligible for re-appointment if at the time of his re-appointment he is a person who, in all respects, is eligible to be appointed to office as member of the Board. ;

- (b) by adding after subsection (2) a subsection as follows—

(2a) (a) The Governor shall decide whether the expiration of the terms of office of members of the Board appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the operation of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section shall synchronise or shall occur in rotation.

(b) Where the Governor decides that there shall be expiration of such terms of office in rotation, the respective persons who are appointed to fill those vacancies may be appointed for such respective terms not exceeding three years, as, in order to give effect to the decision, the Governor thinks fit. ;

- (c) by substituting for the word, “three” in line one of paragraph (b) of subsection (3) the word, “five”; and
- (d) by adding after the word, “farming” in lines two and three of paragraph (b) of subsection (3), the passage, “, actively engaged in any organisation for the prevention, control and extinguishment of bush fires and so engaged in any bush fire brigade established under Part IV of this Act”.

3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section eighteen of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word, “shall” in line one, the word, “may”.

S. 18  
amended.