

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

9° Elizabeth II., No. XVI.

No. 16 of 1960.

**AN ACT to amend the Legal Practitioners
Act, 1893-1958.**

[Assented to 6th October, 1960.]

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:—

Short title
and citation.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Legal Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 1960.*

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tember, 1953.

(2) In this Act the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1958, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1960.

2. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-five the following section:—

Sec. 25A
added.

25A. The Secretary for the time being of the Law Society of Western Australia (Inc.) may, if so authorised by a resolution of the Council of that Society, make complaint in writing to the Board that a practitioner has been guilty of illegal or unprofessional conduct or of neglect or undue delay in the conduct of his professional work, and upon inquiry by the Board into such complaint the Society may appear and be heard.

3. The principal Act is amended by adding after section sixty-two the following section:—

S. 62A
added.

62A. (1) Every practitioner employed by the Crown in a salaried capacity shall, while acting in his official capacity as a practitioner so employed, be deemed to be a certificated practitioner.

Costs where
practitioner
employed
by Crown
in a salaried
capacity.

(2) In all actions, causes, suits or matters of whatever kind in which a practitioner so employed acts, performs any work or renders any services in his official capacity for—

- (a) the Crown, whether in right of this State, the Commonwealth, or any other State of the Commonwealth;
- (b) an agent of the Crown;
- (c) a body, whether corporate or not, constituted by or under any Act, the whole or main portion of the revenue of which body is provided, pursuant to an Act, from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or money appropriated by Parliament at the time when the work is or the services are done, rendered or commenced; or

- (d) a party who is or may be indemnified, or entitled to be indemnified, by the Crown, or by an agent of the Crown, or by a body referred to in paragraph (c) of this subsection,

the party for whom the practitioner so acts is entitled to and may recover counsel fees, costs, charges, disbursements and other remuneration in respect of any work performed or services rendered by the practitioner for the party in the same manner and to the same extent as if the practitioner so employed were a certificated practitioner in private practice engaged by that party.
