

POLICE.

8° Elizabeth II., No. X.

No. 10 of 1959.

AN ACT to amend the Police Act, 1892-1958.

[Assented to 25th September, 1959.]

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 *Police Act Amendment Act, 1959*.

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(2) In this Act the Police Act, 1892-1958, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Police Act, 1892-1959.

2. Section two of the principal Act is amended by adding after the interpretation, "chairman" the following interpretation—

S. 2
amended.

"valuable security" includes any document which is the property of any person, and which is evidence of the ownership of any property or of the right to recover or receive any property.

Cf. Criminal
Code, s. 1.

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

S. 64A
added.

64A. (1) Any person who obtains any chattel, money or valuable security by passing a cheque within a period of sixty days from and commencing on the day of the opening of the bank account on which the cheque is drawn, which cheque is not paid on presentation, shall, unless he proves

Valueless
cheques.

(a) that he had reasonable grounds for believing that that cheque would be paid in full on presentation; and

(b) that he had no intent to defraud;

be liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term of six months, notwithstanding that there may have been some funds to the credit of the account on which the cheque was drawn at the time it was passed.

(2) No prosecution for the offence defined in this section shall be commenced without the written consent of the Commissioner of Police.

4. Section ninety-four A of the principal Act is amended by adding a subsection as follows—

S. 94A
amended.

(4) A proclamation made pursuant to the provisions of this section may be cancelled or from time to time varied by subsequent proclamation.