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**ASSISTANCE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN  
WIRING DWELLINGS FOR ELECTRICITY.**

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No. 41 of 1953.

**AN ACT authorising Local Authorities to assist in  
Wiring Dwelling Houses for Electricity.**

[*Assented to 29th December, 1953.*]

**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. This Act may be cited as the *Assistance by Local Authorities in Wiring Dwellings for Electricity Act, 1953.*

Interpre-  
tations.

2. In this Act—

“local authority” means the council of a municipality constituted under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1906, and the board of a district constituted under the Road Districts Act, 1919; and

“wiring” means installing and from time to time renewing wires, materials and apparatus in a dwelling house for the supply of electric current for the use of the occupants.

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3. Where the owner of a dwelling house which is rateable property in the district for which the local authority is constituted applies to the local authority for financial assistance in wiring the dwelling house, the local authority shall consider the application.

Applications  
for  
assistance.

4. If the local authority having regard to the circumstances of the case considers that assistance is warranted, the local authority may agree to grant the assistance on the applicant agreeing to pay the cost of the assistance to the local authority over a period not exceeding ten years, by such payments and to observe such terms and conditions as are agreed.

Agreements.

5. Where the agreement has been reduced to writing and has been executed by the applicant and the local authority, the local authority shall cause the wiring to be installed or renewed, as the case requires, by supplying the services of such technicians and workmen and such materials and apparatus as are necessary for the purpose, and may meet the expense of doing so from its ordinary revenue, or if necessary, from loan funds raised for the purpose.

Wiring.

6. Duty is not payable under the Stamp Act, 1921, on the agreement.

Agreement  
exempt from  
stamp duty.

7. Sums payable under the agreement are regarded as rates payable to the local authority and the provisions of the Act under which the local authority is constituted, relating to recovery of rates apply accordingly.

Payments  
under the  
agreement  
recoverable  
as rates.