

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

22° GEO. V., No. LIV.

No. 54 of 1931.

AN ACT to amend the Electric Lighting Act, 1892.*[Assented to 29th December, 1931.]*

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 Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Electric Lighting Act Amendment Act, 1931*, and shall be read as one with the Electric Lighting Act, 1892, and the Electric Lighting Amendment Act, 1905, hereinafter conjointly called the principal Act. Short title.

2. (1.) With the consent of the Governor any local authority may, subject to this Act and the principal Act, at any time, or from time to time, license any company or person to erect or construct and to maintain upon or under any street within the limits of its municipal district or road district, poles, standards, electric lines, and electrical apparatus for the transmission or distribution of electricity, either for supply within its own district or to any other municipal district or road district named in the license, and to transmit thereover or distribute therefrom electricity. License to erect or construct electrical apparatus.

(2.) Such company or person shall, for the purposes of sections eleven to sixteen inclusive, and sections thirty-three, thirty-nine, and forty of the principal Act, be deemed to be

undertakers, and be subject to all the liabilities, restrictions, duties, and obligations thereby imposed on undertakers, and be entitled to all (or those not specifically excluded in the license) of the rights and privileges of undertakers.

Duration of license.

3. Any license granted by the local authority in exercise of the powers conferred by section two of this Act may be for any period or periods not exceeding twenty-one years, and be subject to such regulations and conditions as to the performance by such company or person of such duties and obligations as may be set out in the license, for the revocation or rescission of the license where the said company or person shall fail to perform such duties to the satisfaction of the local authority, for authorising inspection and inquiry from time to time by any officer of the local authority, and generally with regard to any other matters in connection with any such license, and shall be subject also to such regulations (either general or restricted to some municipal district or road district, or any part thereof) as may from time to time be prescribed by the Governor and published in the *Government Gazette* with regard to the following matters:—

- (a) For securing the safety of the public from personal injury or from fire or otherwise;
- (b) Authorising inspection and inquiry from time to time;
- (c) Generally with regard to any other matters in connection with the maintenance of the poles, standards, electric lines, and electrical apparatus and the transmission of electricity thereover;
- (d) For the enforcement of the due performance of the duties and obligations undertaken under the license by the imposition of penalties or otherwise;
- (e) For the imposition of penalties not exceeding fifty pounds in each case for the breach of any such regulation.

Governor may extend period of license.

4. Any license or contract authorised by sections three or four of the principal Act or by section two of this Act may, with the consent of the Governor, be for a period in excess of twenty-one years, but not in excess of fifty years.