

VERMIN.

10° GEO. V., No. XXVII.

No. 39 of 1919.

AN ACT to amend the Vermin Act, 1918.

[Assented to 17th December, 1919.]

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 *Vermin Act Amendment Act, 1919.* Short title.

2. Section two of the Vermin Act, 1918, is hereby amended by the addition of the following words:—“Provided that the power of imposing rates in the other portion of the State under any Act mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act shall be subject to a limitation similar to that contained in the proviso to subsection (2) of section fifty-nine of this Act.” Amendment of section 2.

3. Section forty-five of the Vermin Act, 1918 (hereinafter called the principal Act), is hereby amended, as from the commencement thereof, as follows:— Amendment of section 45.

- (i) The words “situated within the South-West Division of the State” are excised from paragraph 1 and also from paragraph 2.
- (ii) The words “and Part IV. of that Act shall apply to its proceedings” are inserted in paragraph 1, after the words “the Roads Act, 1911.”
- (iii) The following paragraph is added to the said section:—

(3.) Whenever the boundaries of any road district which are the same as those of a vermin district are altered, but the road district continues to be wholly comprised in that part of the State to which this Act applies, the boundaries of the vermin district shall, by force of this Act, but subject to any order or direction of the Governor at any time made under this Act, be correspondingly

altered to the intent that (subject as aforesaid) the vermin district shall continue to be co-terminous with the road district.

Amendment
of section 50.

4. Section fifty of the principal Act is hereby amended, as from the commencement thereof, by the deletion of the word "elective," and of the words "situated within the South-West Division of the State."

Amendment of
section 59.

5. Section fifty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion in paragraph 2, after the word "situated," of the following words:—"but a minimum rate of two shillings and sixpence may be levied on any rateable holding the annual rate in respect of which (whether on the area or on the unimproved capital value) would not amount to two shillings and sixpence."

Amendment
of section 78.

6. Section seventy-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended, by the addition of the following words to subsection four:—"or in the prevention of the straying of stock onto or from his holding."

Amendment
of section 94.
See Vic. No.
2745, s. 6.
S.A. No.
1181, s. 19.

7. Section ninety-four of the principal Act is hereby amended, by the deletion of the words "Minister or board," and the substitution therefor of the words "inspector or authorised person to whom the Minister or board has for the time being assigned, by either special or general authority, the duty of inspecting such holding"; and is further amended by adding after the word "destroy," in the second line, the word "all."

Amendment of
section 104.

8. Section one hundred and four of the principal Act is hereby amended by the excision of the words "the Chief Inspector shall, if so required in writing by the owner of any fence," and the substitution of the words "the owner of any fence may by writing under his hand require the Chief Inspector or the board of any district in which the fence is situated to inspect the fence or cause it to be inspected, and the Chief Inspector or board shall."

Amendment
of section
114.

9. Section one hundred and fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended, by the repeal of all words after the first paragraph and the substitution of the following words:—"It is a defence to a charge under this section to prove that the rabbit was imported from beyond the State or was killed eastward of the said Government fence."