



Western Australia.

ANNO SEXAGESIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XLVI.

AN ACT to amend the Australasian Federation
Enabling Act of 1896, and for other purposes

[Assented to, 12th March, 1897.]

WHEREAS difficulties have arisen in conducting, in accordance with the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1896, the elections of persons to represent Western Australia at the Convention in the said Act mentioned, and it is desirable to alter the arrangements for such election, and to ratify the proceedings already adopted as preliminary thereto: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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:—

Preamble.

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1896, Amendment Act, 1897, and shall be incorporated with the Australasian Federation Enabling Act, 1896. hereinafter called the principal Act.

Short title and incorporation with 60 Vict., No. 32.

60° VICTORIÆ, No. 46.

Australasian Federation Enabling Act—Amendment.

- Validation of writ of
22nd February, 1897.

2. THE writ issued by the Governor under the seal of this Colony, and set forth in the Schedule hereto, shall be as valid and effectual for the purpose of elections under the principal Act as if it had been wholly in accordance with the requirements of the said Act.

Amendment of s. 13
of principal Act.

3. THE thirteenth section of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

The words “Not less than fifteen days shall respectively elapse between—(a.) The date of the writ and the day of nomination; (b.) The day of nomination and the day of polling” are struck out, and in lieu thereof the following words are inserted, namely, “Not less than fifteen days shall elapse between the date of the writ and the day of nomination, and not less than two days shall elapse between the day of nomination and the day of polling.”

Polling day for 1897,
and validation of
elections, if then held.

4. THE polling for the election of persons to represent Western Australia at the said Convention for the year 1897 shall be held on the thirteenth day of March in that year, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and noon, and the persons then elected shall be deemed the persons lawfully elected to represent Western Australia in the said Convention.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent
to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.

T H E S C H E D U L E .

Section 2.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

*To the Returning Officer for the Election of the Representatives of Western
Australia as Members of the Convention under the "Australasian Federation
Enabling Act, 1896."*

GREETING :

WE command you that you proceed, according to law, to the Election of Ten Members to represent Western Australia in the Convention established under the "Australasian Federation Enabling Act, 1896;" And we do hereby appoint Wednesday, the 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, to be the day, and do also appoint the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Perth, to be the place of nomination of Candidates at the said Election, and the place where such Election shall be held: And we do further command you that, in the event of the said Election being contested, the poll shall be taken between the hours of Ten o'clock in the forenoon and Noon only, on Saturday, the 13th day of March, at the place aforesaid: And that you do endorse hereon the names of the persons elected, and do return forthwith this our Writ so endorsed to the Governor of our Colony of Western Australia, at Perth.

Witness His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir GERARD SMITH, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, and also the Public Seal of our said Colony, at Rottneſt, the 22nd day of February, 1897, and in the sixtieth year of our Reign.

GERARD SMITH,

Governor.