

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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No. 17

An Act to partially repeal 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Act, 1873,' and to repeal 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Amendment Act, 1885,' and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

[Assented to 4th December, 1889.]

WHEREAS under and by virtue of the provisions of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Act, 1873,' a certain Library has been established in the City of Perth, under the name and title of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library'; And whereas the said Library is under the control and management of a certain Committee intituled 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Committee,' established under and by virtue of the provisions of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Amendment Act, 1885'; And whereas the said Library contains certain books, commonly called Law Books, and certain other books which cannot be so called; And whereas it is expedient to separate the said two classes of books, and to make due provision for the custody, care, and use of the same: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title 1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Act, 1889.'

Division of Library 2. The Law and Parliamentary Library Committee, hereinafter called 'The Committee,' shall divide the books of which the existing Law and Parliamentary Library is composed into two classes, namely, the one class consisting of Law Books, the other class consisting of books which are not Law Books. It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to determine what books are or may be deemed Law Books, and it shall be in their power so to exercise such discretion as to include among Law Books any books which though not being Statutes, Reports, Law Text Books or Legal Treatises, are yet in their opinion necessary or useful to persons engaged in the study or practice of the Law.

Law Books 3. The Committee shall deliver over all Law Books to the Judges of the Supreme Court to be by them placed in and with the Library now in the Court House of the Supreme Court, and such Books

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together with such Library shall together constitute and form a Library to be known as and called, as it is hereinafter termed, 'The Law Library.' Provided that if and when the Law Library is so constituted there shall be found any duplicates of any books, one of the duplicates shall in every such case be by the Judges delivered over to the Attorney General, to be placed in his chambers for the use of the Law Officers of the Crown.

4. The Law Library shall be for the use of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the members of the Legislature, the Law Officers of the Crown, and all Magistrates, free of charge, and for the use of such other persons on payment of such subscriptions and under such restrictions as the Judges of the Supreme Court may from time to time determine, who shall have power from time to time to make, alter, and repeal regulations for the management of the said Library: Provided always, that no book in the Law Library shall be removable by any person whatever from the Court House of the Supreme Court.

The Law Library

5. The Committee shall deliver over all books other than Law Books to the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and such other books shall, together with any books now in the possession of the said Council, together constitute a Library to be known as and called, as it is hereinafter termed, 'The Parliamentary Library.'

Parliamentary and general literature

6. The Parliamentary Library shall be for the use of members of the Legislature, who shall have access to the same free of charge, and to such other persons, if any, in such manner and on such terms as the Legislative Council may determine.

The Parliamentary Library

7. All moneys now in the hands of the Committee, and any subscriptions due or in arrear which may be paid to them in respect of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library' shall, after the payment of all debts and liabilities of the Committee, be paid to the said Judges for the purposes of the Law Library.

Moneys in the hands of the Committee

8. So soon as the Committee shall have duly performed the duties imposed upon them by this Act, Sections 4 and 5 of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Act, 1873,' and the whole of 'The Law and Parliamentary Library Amendment Act, 1885,' shall be repealed.

Repeal

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GOVERNOR.