MATRIMONIAL CAUSES AND PERSONAL STATUS CODE.

3° Elizabeth II., No. VII.

No. 7 of 1954.

AN ACT to amend the Matrimonial Causes and Personal Status Code, 1948-1953.

[Reserved 30th August, 1954.]

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:-

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Matrimonial and citation. Causes and Personal Status Code Amendment Act. 1954.
- (2) In this Act the Matrimonial Causes and Personal Status Code, 1948-1953.

Act No. 73 of 1948 as amended by Act No. 24 of 1953,

is referred to as the principal Act.

- (3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes and Personal Status Code, 1948-1954.
- 2. Paragraph (k) of section fifteen of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by adding before the word, "or" in line six of subparagraph (ii) the words, "unless the marriage is dissolved by the Court in exercise of the discretion mentioned in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph"; and
 - (b) by adding after subparagraph (ii) the following subparagraph:—

Cf. s. 27

- (iii) where the action is commenced after the expiration of three years from the date of the marriage, the Court shall not be bound to make an order for dissolution of the marriage, but the order shall be in the discretion of the Court.
- s. 63 3. Section sixty-three of the principal Act is repealed.
