

# ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

12° GEO. V., No. IX.

No. 9 of 1921.

## AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act, 1896.

[Assented to 8th November, 1921.]

**B**E 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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Adoption of Children Act Amendment Act, 1921.*

Amendment of section 5.

2. Sub-paragraph (3) of section five of the Adoption of Children Act, 1896, is amended by inserting the following after the words "fifteen years," in line two:—"or if over that age has been under the care and custody of some person for a period of three years, during which time such a person has acted as an adopting parent or otherwise has acted *in loco parentis.*"

Amendment of Section 10.

3. Section ten of the Adoption of Children Act, 1896, is hereby amended by omitting the words "in addition to the proper name of the child," and every order of adoption made under the principal Act before the commencement of this Act shall have effect as if those words were omitted as from the commencement of the principal Act.

Inspection of records.

4. The record of any proceedings in the Supreme Court under the principal Act shall not be open to public inspection except for some reasonable and proper purpose and with the sanction in writing of the Master.

Registration by Registrar General of Orders of Adoption.

5. [10b.] It shall be the duty of the Registrar of the Supreme Court to furnish to the Registrar General under the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1894, at intervals of not exceeding six months, a return in writing in

the prescribed form of the orders of adoption made under this Act, and the Registrar General shall cause an entry of every such order to be made in the entry of the birth of the adopted child in the register of births.

6. All copies of the principal Act hereafter printed by the Government Printer shall be printed as amended by this Act, under the supervision of the Clerk of Parliaments, and in any such reprint the short title shall be altered to the Adoption of Children Act, 1896-1921.

Reprinting of prin-  
cipal Act and  
Amendments.