

ATTORNEY GENERAL (VACANCY IN OFFICE).

13° GEO. V., No. VI.

No. 24 of 1922.

AN ACT to provide for the exercise of the powers of the Attorney General during any vacancy in the office, and for other relative purposes.

[Assented to 13th November, 1922.]

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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Attorney General (Vacancy in Office) Act, 1922.*

Minister for
Justice may be
appointed to
exercise powers
of Attorney
General.

2. Whenever there shall be any vacancy in the office of Attorney General, the Governor may appoint some person (being a member of Parliament) to be Minister for Justice

for the purposes of this Act, and the Minister so appointed shall have and may exercise all or any of the powers that would be exercisable by an Attorney General, whether by virtue of any statute or otherwise.

3. Any Minister for Justice heretofore appointed shall be deemed to have had such powers as aforesaid during any vacancy in the office of Attorney General, and full authority to exercise all or any of such powers.

Minister for Justice heretofore appointed deemed to have had powers of Attorney General.

4. The Minister for Justice in office at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed for the purposes of this Act, and shall have and may exercise such powers as aforesaid accordingly.

Present Minister for Justice deemed to have been appointed pursuant to this Act.

5. Whenever, under any statute or otherwise, any act is required to be done by, to, or with reference to the Attorney General of the State, then, during any vacancy in the office of Attorney General, the act may be done by, to, or with reference to the Minister for Justice, and any such act heretofore done by, to, or with reference to a Minister for Justice shall be deemed to have been done by, to, or with reference to the Attorney General.

Minister for Justice to represent Attorney General.

6. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to give any Minister for Justice the right of audience in any court of law.

Minister for Justice not entitled to audience in courts.

