CONSTITUTION.

12° GEO. V., NO. XXXIV.

No. 34 of 1921.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 66 and 67 of the Constitution Act, 1889, and Section 46 of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

[Assented to 30th December, 1921.]

D 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution Act Amend- short title. ment Act, 1921. Powers of the two Houses in respect of legislation. See C. C. Act, s. 53.

Appropriation Bills. Ibid., s. 54.

Tax Bills. Ibid., s. 55.

Recommendation of money votes. *Ibid.*, s. 56. 2. Sections sixty-six and sixty-seven of the Constitution Act, 1889, and section forty-six of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899, are hereby repealed, and a section is inserted in the last-mentioned Act to stand as section fortysix, as follows:—

46. (1.) Bills appropriating revenue or moneys, or imposing taxation, shall not originate in the Legislative Council; but a Bill shall not be taken to appropriate revenue or moneys, or to impose taxation, by reason only of its containing provisions for the imposition or appropriation of fines or other pecuniary penalties, or for the demand of payment or appropriation of fees for licenses, or fees for registration or other services under the Bill.

(2.) The Legislative Council may not amend Loan Bills, or Bills imposing taxation, or Bills appropriating revenue, or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government.

(3.) The Legislative Council may not amend any Bill so as to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.

(4.) The Legislative Council may at any stage return to the Legislative Assembly any Bill which the Legislative Council may not amend, requesting by message the omission or amendment of any item or provision therein: provided that any such request does not increase any proposed charge or burden on the people. The Legislative Assembly may, if it thinks fit, make such omissions or amendments, with or without modifications.

(5.) Except as provided in this section, the Legislative Council shall have equal power with the Legislative Assembly in respect of all Bills.

(6.) A Bill which appropriates revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government shall deal only with such appropriation.

(7.) Bills imposing taxation shall deal only with the imposition of taxation, and any provision therein dealing with any other matter shall be of no effect.

(8.) A vote, resolution, or Bill for the appropriation of revenue or moneys shall not be passed unless the purpose of the appropriation has in the same session been recommended by message of the Governor to the Legislative Assembly.