WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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AN ACT to amend the law relating to the Taking of Declarations and the Attestation of Documents.

[Assented to 8th November, 1913.]

D E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Par-

1. This Act may be cited as the Declarations and Attestations short title. Act, 1913.

2. Whenever by or under any Act or statutory regulation Authority to take (whether passed or made before or after the commencement of declarations and this Act) it is provided—

- (a) that any statutory declaration shall or may be made before a justice of the peace; or a justice of the peace or some other person; or
- (b) that any instrument shall or may be signed or executed in the presence of, and be attested by, a justice of the peace, or a justice of the peace or some other person,

such declaration or instrument may be made before, or signed and executed in the presence of, and attested by-

(i.) a town clerk, secretary to a road board, electoral registrar, postmaster, classified officer in the State or Commonwealth

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wealth public service, classified State school teacher, or member of the police force; or

(ii.) a commissioner for declarations appointed under this Act.

Provided that no person under twenty one years of age shall be qualified to take any statutory declaration, or attest any such instrument.

Commissioners for declarations.

3. (1.) The Attorney General may appoint persons to be commissioners for declarations.

(2.) Any such appointment may be revoked by the Attorney General.

(3.) A notification of every such appointment or revocation of appointment shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Effect of declaration or attestation. 4. Any statutory declaration made, or instrument signed or executed and attested under the authority of this Act, shall have the same force and effect, and shall render the declarant, or the person who signs or executes the instrument, liable to the same penalty for any false statement therein, as if such declaration had been made before, or such instrument had been attested by, a justice of the peace.