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No. XXXI.

AN ACT to amend the Registration of Births,  
Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1894.

[Assented to, 5th December, 1900.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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 Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Amendment Act, 1900, and shall be construed as one with the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1894, hereinafter called the principal Act.

Short title and incorporation with 58 Vict., 16.

2. IN this Act the term "prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or by regulations, and "regulations" means regulations made under this Act or the principal Act.

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**3.** SECTION thirty of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Repeal of s. 30 of principal Act and substitution of new section.

Registration of births after 12 months.

Registration Act (Vic.), 1898, s. 7.

Altered in form.

Penalty as in repealed Act.

Registration of birth after seven years.

Register not to be evidence of birth if made after twelve months from birth unless authorised by Registrar General,

nor if made after seven years from birth, unless authorised by Judge.

Penalty.

Amendment of s. 46 of principal Act.

New sub-section.

**30.** (1.) AFTER the expiration of twelve months following the birth of any child in Western Australia, or following the arrival therein of the child if born at sea or out of Western Australia, it shall not be lawful for any district registrar to register the birth of such child except by the written authority of the Registrar General, and in accordance with the regulations, and on payment of the prescribed fee; and the fact of such authority having been given shall be entered on the register.

(2.) No registration of a birth shall be made after the expiration of seven years from the date of such birth except by the authority of a Judge of the Supreme Court, and the fact of such authority having been given and the date when it was given shall be entered in the register.

(3.) No register, or certified copy of any entry in the register, shall be evidence to prove the birth of any child wherein it shall appear that twelve months have intervened between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child, unless such entry purports to have been made by the written authority and in accordance with the regulations aforesaid; and no register or certified copy as aforesaid shall be evidence to prove the birth of any child wherein it shall appear that seven years have expired between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child, unless such entry purports to have been made by the authority of a Judge of the Supreme Court, the date whereof is entered as aforesaid.

(4.) Every District Registrar who, save as hereinbefore provided, knowingly registers, or causes to be registered, the birth of any child after the expiration of twelve months following the birth of such child, shall, for every such offence, be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty pounds.

**4.** THE second sub-section of section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following sub-section is substituted:—

(2.) Every person who shall, for the purposes of registration, give the information contained in any register of births or deaths under this Act shall either—

(a.) At the time of giving such information subscribe his name in the column in which his name, description, and place of abode are written, or

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- (b.) Forward to the District Registrar, by post, a statement of the particulars required by this Act to be registered, appending thereto a statutory declaration or a declaration in the form given in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, verifying such particulars and attested by a subscribing witness. Schedule.

The District Registrar shall file the statements so sent in to him in their order, and shall mark each statement with a number corresponding with the number of the entry in the register, and shall insert the name of the informant in the proper column.

5. NO existing or future entry in a register kept under the principal Act, and no certified copy of any such entry, shall be inadmissible in evidence merely by reason that the entry has not been signed by the informant. Entries not inadmissible by reason of omission of informant's signature.

6. EVERY person who makes any false statement in the declaration by this Act required, or in the particulars referred to in such declaration, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and, on conviction thereof, shall be liable to punishment as for wilful and corrupt perjury. Penalties for false declaration.

7. THE Governor may make regulations for the better carrying of this Act into effect, and may, in such regulations, prescribe the fees to be paid in respect of registrations authorised by this Act. Regulations.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

ALEX. C. ONSLOW, Administrator.

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### SCHEDULE.

Section 4.

I, the undersigned, A. B., of \_\_\_\_\_, being the person mentioned in the statement to which this declaration is appended as the [*here state whether mentioned as father, informant, or how*], do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in the said statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. And I make this solemn declaration knowing that by the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Amendment Act, 1900, I incur, in case of falsehood, the penalties of wilful and corrupt perjury.

A. B.

Declared by A. B.  
in my presence.

[*Witness's signature.*]