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No. III.

AN ACT for the Election of a Representative of Western Australia in the Convention provided for by the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1896.

[Assented to, 26th August, 1897.]

WHEREAS by the resignation of William Thorley Loton, esquire, a seat in the Convention provided for by the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1896, is vacant and it is desirable forthwith to fill such vacancy: 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:—

Preamble.

1. THIS Act shall be read together with the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1896, hereinafter called the Principal Act.

Short title and incorporation with 60 Vict., 32.

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## *Vacancy, Federal Convention.*

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Existing vacancy may be filled up pursuant to this Act.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING anything contained in the Principal Act, the vacancy among the Western Australian Representatives occasioned by the resignation of William Thorley Loton, esquire, may be filled up by election in the manner provided by this Act.

Returning Officer to invite attendance of members of both Houses, and to receive nominations.

3. THE Returning Officer shall, in such way as he may think fit, invite the members of the Council and of the Assembly to meet for the purpose of the said election in the Assembly's room at noon of the twenty-sixth day of August, 1897, and shall himself then and there attend, and till fifty minutes after noon receive nomination papers nominating candidates for the vacant seat.

Members may elect from persons nominated.

4. THE members of the Council and of the Assembly may then and there proceed to elect in manner provided by the Seventeenth Section of the Principal Act, from the persons nominated as provided by this Act, a person to fill the vacant seat, who shall thereupon be a Western Australian Representative at the said Convention.

Election to be certified and gazetted.

5. THE Returning Officer shall certify to the Governor the name of the person so elected, and notice of his election shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and such publication shall be conclusive evidence of such election.

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

GERARD SMITH, Governor.