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An Act to amend the *Restraining Orders Act 1997* and to make consequential amendments to the *Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988*.

[Assented to 4 October 2013]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Short title

This is the Restraining Orders Amendment Act 2013.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Part 2 — Restraining Orders Act 1997 amended

3. Act amended

This Part amends the *Restraining Orders Act 1997*.

4. Section 25 amended

Delete section 25(3) and insert:

- An application for a violence restraining order made in (3) person is to be made in the prescribed form to
 - if the respondent is a child, the Children's (a) Court: or
 - (b) if the respondent is not a child and the person seeking to be protected is a child, the Children's Court or the Magistrates Court; or
 - otherwise, the Magistrates Court. (c)

5. Section 64 amended

Delete section 64(3) and (4) and insert:

- If the decision was made by the Children's Court when (3) constituted so as not to consist of or include a Judge, the appeal is to be made in accordance with the Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988 section 41.
- (4) If the decision was made by the Children's Court when constituted so as to consist of or include a Judge, the appeal is to be made in accordance with the Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988 section 42A.

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Part 3 — Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988 amended

6. Act amended

This Part amended the *Children's Court of Western Australia Act 1988*.

7. Section 20 amended

- (1) Delete section 20(1)(c).
- (2) After section 20(1) insert:
 - (2A) Subject to this Act and the *Restraining Orders*Act 1997 section 52, the Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine all applications made to the Court with respect to a child under the *Restraining Orders*Act 1997.
- (3) In section 20(2) delete "subsection (1)." and insert:

subsections (1) and (2A).

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