## PUBLIC SERVICE.

No. 2 of 1982.

## AN ACT to amend the Public Service Act 1978-1980.

[Assented to 6 May 1982.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Public* short title Service Amendment Act 1982.
- (2) In this Act the Public Service Act 1978-1980 Act No. 86 of 1978, is referred to as the principal Act.

  Act No. 86 of 1978, amended by Act No. 18 of 1980.
- (3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Public Service Act 1978-1982.

Section 29 amended.

- 2. Section 29 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (4), the following subsections—
  - (5) If an office of Permanent Head or a Senior Office is vacant, or a Permanent Head or Senior Officer is absent from duty or for any reason unable to perform his duties, the Board may direct an officer to act for such period not exceeding 12 consecutive months as is specified in that direction in the office of Permanent Head or the Senior Office during that vacancy, or in the office of the Permanent Head or Senior Officer during that absence or inability, as the case requires.
    - (6) The Board may at any time cancel a direction given under subsection (5).
    - (7) An officer directed under subsection (5) to act in an office—
      - (a) shall comply with that direction; and
      - (b) has, whilst he is so acting, all the powers, functions, duties and obligations attaching to the office. ".

Section 31 amended.

- 3. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) (a) by deleting "11A of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912" and substituting the following—
  - " 96 of the Industrial Arbitration Act 1979 "

Section 35 amended.

- 4. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (4) by deleting—
  - (a) "an industrial union of workers within the meaning of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912" in the definition of "union" and substituting the following—
    - " a union of employees within the meaning of the Industrial Arbitration Act 1979 "; and

- (b) the definition of "relevant union" and substituting the following definition—
  - "relevant union" means a union that is party to an award or agreement under the Public Service Arbitration Act 1966 whereby the terms and conditions of employment appertaining to the vacant office are or will be regulated. ".
- 5. Section 58 of the principal Act is amended amended. by deleting "Governor" and substituting the following—
  - " Board".