LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

No. 46 of 1977.

AN ACT to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1976.

[Assented to 18th November, 1977.]

RE 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 Legal Practi- short title tioners Act Amendment Act, 1977.

(2) In this Act the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893- Reprinted as 1976 is referred to as the principal Act.

approved for reprint 23rd August, 1974 and amended by Act No. 113 of 1976.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1977.

and citation.

Section 6 amended.

- 2. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by inserting immediately after subsection(1) subsections as follows—

(1a) Subject to subsection (1b) of this section, the Board may from time to time make all such rules as to the Board may seem meet for prescribing that with the approval of the Board portion of his articles may be served by an articled clerk with a practitioner other than the practitioner to whom he is articled including if the Board is satisfied that special circumstances exist a practitioner who is not practising as a practitioner on his own account, and the conditions of such service.

(1b) Rules prescribed under subsection (1a) of this section shall not continue in operation after the thirty-first day of December, 1979, but the expiry of those rules shall not affect the previous operation thereof or the validity of any action taken under them. ; and

(b) as to subsection (2), by deleting the word "All", in line one, and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "Subject to subsection (1b) of this section, all".

Section 10 amended,

- Section 10 of the principal Act is amended—
 (a) as to subsection (3)—
 - (i) by inserting immediately after the word "time", in the last line of paragraph (a), the passage "and also except where the practitioner is the Director of Legal Aid appointed under section eighteen of the Legal Aid Commission Act, 1976, in which case the practitioner shall not have articled to him more than four articled clerks at the same time"; and

- (ii) by inserting immediately after the word "State", in the last line of the subsection, the passage "or the Director of Legal Aid appointed under section eighteen of the Legal Aid Commission Act, 1976"; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection(3) a subsection as follows—

(3a) The provisions in subsection (3) of this section relating to exceptions in respect of the Director of Legal Aid appointed under section eighteen of the Legal Aid Commission Act, 1976 shall not continue in operation after the thirty-first day of December, 1979, but the expiry of those provisions shall not affect the previous operation thereof or the validity of any action taken under them.