

JUDICIARY.

No. 9 of 1927.

An Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1926,
and for other purposes.

[Assented to 8th April, 1927.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate,
and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Judiciary Act* 1927.

Short title and
citation.

(2.) The *Judiciary Act* 1903-1926* is in this Act referred to as
the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as
the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1927.

2. This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by
Proclamation. Commencement.

3. Section eleven of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section :— Registry.

“(2A.) There shall also be a Registry of the High Court in the
Territory for the Seat of Government, and that Registry shall be a
District Registry until the principal seat of the High Court is at
the Seat of Government.”

4. After section thirty A of the Principal Act the following
section is inserted :—

“30B.—(1.) The High Court shall have, in relation to the
Territory for the Seat of Government— Original
jurisdiction of
High Court in
territorial
matters.

- (a) the same original jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, as
immediately before the first day of January One thousand
nine hundred and eleven the Supreme Court of the State
of New South Wales had in relation to that State; and
- (b) such original jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, as is from
time to time vested in the High Court by Ordinances made
by the Governor-General.

“(2.) The jurisdiction vested in the High Court by this section
shall be exercised in accordance with the practice, procedure and powers
of the High Court, and with Rules of Court made in that behalf.

* Act No. 6, 1903, as amended by No. 5, 1906; No. 8, 1907; No. 34, 1910; No. 31, 1912;
No. 11, 1914; No. 4, 1915; No. 38, 1920; and No. 39, 1926.

“(3.) In relation to the jurisdiction vested in the High Court by this section, the Rules of Court may provide for the places of sitting of the Court, and for the service and execution of the process of the Court, and the execution of the judgments of the Court, in any part of the Commonwealth and in any Territory under the control of the Commonwealth.

“(4.) A decision of the High Court in the exercise of the jurisdiction vested by this section shall be final and conclusive except so far as, under the Constitution or the laws of the Commonwealth, an appeal may be brought to a Full Court of the High Court.”

5. After section thirty-four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

“34A.—(1.) The High Court shall have such jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from all judgments whatsoever of any Court of the Territory for the Seat of Government as is vested in it by Ordinance made by the Governor-General.

“(2.) The jurisdiction of the High Court under this section may be exercised by one Justice or by a Full Court; and, when it is exercised by one Justice, an appeal from his decision may, upon leave being granted by a Full Court of the High Court, be brought to a Full Court of the High Court.”

6. Section forty-nine of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by adding at the end of sub-section (1.), the words “or in any Court of a Territory under the control of the Commonwealth”;

(b) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the words “or that he has been deprived by the Supreme Court of the State, by virtue of his right to practise wherein he was registered, of the right to practise in that State as a barrister or solicitor”; and

(c) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(5.) Upon proof that any person has been deprived by the Supreme Court of the State, by virtue of his right to practise wherein he was registered, of the right to practise in that State as a barrister or solicitor, the Principal Registrar shall strike the name of that person off the Register of Practitioners of the High Court.”

7. Section eight of the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* is repealed as from a date to be fixed by proclamation, but such repeal shall not affect any legal proceedings pending in the High Court at the date so fixed.

8. Section eleven of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* is repealed as from a date to be fixed by proclamation, but such repeal shall not affect any legal proceedings pending in any inferior Court of the State of New South Wales at the date so fixed.

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