

excessive rain or heat, would render attendance a hardship, and equivalent attendance as prescribed may be required in lieu thereof."

Amendment of section 134.

3. Section one hundred and thirty-four of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting in sub-section (1.) after the words "Citizen Forces" the words "and no parent or guardian shall prevent any son or ward who is so serving or liable to serve";
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "or in any way penalize or attempt to penalize," and inserting in their stead the words "and no employer shall in any way penalize or prejudice in his employment or attempt to penalize or prejudice in his employment"; and
- (c) by inserting in sub-section (2.) after the word "penalized," wherever that word occurs, the words "or prejudiced in his employment."

Amendment of section 135.

4. Section one hundred and thirty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the proviso to sub-section (1.) thereof.

Amendment of section 142.

5. Section one hundred and forty-two of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

"(2.) Any proceedings for an offence against this section may be instituted at any time within two years after the commission of the offence."

NAVAL DEFENCE.

No. 16 of 1911.

An Act to amend the *Naval Defence Act 1910*.

[Assented to 22nd December, 1911.]

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

Short title and citation.

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Naval Defence Act 1911*.
- (2.) The *Naval Defence Act 1910* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- (3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Naval Defence Act 1910-1911*.

2. After section twenty-five of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted :—

“ 25A.—(1.) Any person under the age of twenty-one years may, with the consent in writing of his parent or guardian, enlist for service in the Permanent Naval Forces for such period as is prescribed, but that period shall not exceed the time required for him to attain the age of thirty years. Enlistment of persons under twenty-one years of age in Permanent Naval Forces.

“(2.) The enlistment of any person in pursuance of this section shall be binding on him both during his infancy and after he attains his majority.”

3. Section thirty-seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted in its stead :—

“ 37.—(1.) Whenever the Commonwealth Naval Forces or any part thereof are acting with any part of the King's Naval Forces and any part of the Naval Forces of any part of the King's Dominions, or with any part of any of those Forces, then, subject to any order made by the Governor-General, under the next following sub-section, the Forces so acting together shall, while so acting, be deemed to be one force or unit of a force in command of the senior naval officer present and acting in a position of command, and, subject to his orders, all officers in the force or unit shall have, as regards command and discipline in relation to the Commonwealth Naval Forces, the same powers and authority as if they were officers of the Commonwealth Naval Forces. Command where Imperial and Dominion Forces acting together.

“(2.) Where any arrangement has been made between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Government of the United Kingdom or the Government of any part of the King's Dominions in relation to any joint action or mutual action in relation to training or service by the Naval Forces of the Commonwealth and the Naval Forces of the King and the Naval Forces of any part of the King's Dominions or any of those Forces, the Governor-General may, by order published in the *Gazette*, give such directions or instructions as he thinks fit to carry out the arrangement.

“(3.) Any order made by the Governor-General in pursuance of this section shall have effect as if it were enacted in this Act.”

4. After section forty-four of the Principal Act, the following sections are inserted :—

“ 44A. Officers of the King's Naval Forces, and officers of the Commonwealth Naval Forces, and officers of the Naval Forces of any part of the King's Dominions shall be eligible for appointment as officers to constitute Naval courts-martial. Officers eligible to constitute Courts-martial.

“ 44B.—(1.) When the Commonwealth Naval Forces are acting with the King's Naval Forces, or with the Naval Forces of any part of the King's Dominions, the naval officer upon whom the command devolves may convene courts-martial and appoint officers to constitute courts-martial for the trial of members of the Commonwealth Naval Forces in respect of charges triable by courts-

martial, and, subject to any directions or instructions given by the Governor-General or prescribed by the regulations, may approve, confirm, mitigate, or remit any sentence passed by a court-martial.

“ Provided that a sentence of death passed by any court-martial on any member of the Commonwealth Naval Forces shall be not carried into effect until it has been confirmed by the Governor-General.

“(2.) This section shall not affect any power, under the Defence Act, of the Governor-General or any delegate of the Governor-General in relation to courts-martial.”

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL.

No. 17 of 1911.

An Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902-1909.

[Assented to 22nd December, 1911.]

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

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1911.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902-1909 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902-1911.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Amendment of s. 2.

3. Section two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the words, “Part X.—Voting by Post.”

Amendment of s. 8.

4. Section eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the words, “except the powers of that officer under Part X. of this Act.”