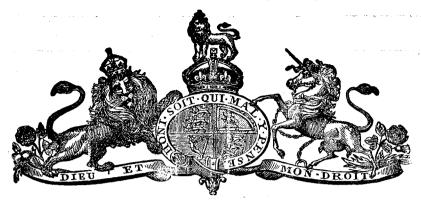
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AN ACT to provide for the Appointment of 1907. District Justices of the Peace, and for [5 December, 1907.] other purposes.

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**BE** it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:— 6d.]

A.D. 1907.

Short title. Commencement.

1 This Act may be cited as "The District Justices Act, 1907," and shall commence and take effect as from a day to be fixed by proclamamation by the Governor.

Interpretation.

2 In the interpretation of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

" District."

" District" means-

I. Every city;

.п. Every municipality:

" District Justice.

"District Justice" means and includes every person appointed and being a Justice for any district so long as he continues

to reside therein: and

" Tasmania."

" Tasmania" includes the dependencies thereof.

Repeal.

3 The Acts specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby repealed to the extent indicated in the Schedule.

District Justices under repealed Act to be district Justices under this Act.

- **4**—(1.) Every person appointed under any Act hereby repealed a Justice for any district so long as he resides therein, and holding office on the day before the commencement of this Act, shall continue to hold office as if appointed—
  - I. Under this Act:
  - II. In and for the district (within the meaning of this Act) in which he resides at the commencement of this Act:
  - III. In and for such lastmentioned district so long as he continues to reside therein.

Clerk of the Peace to publish list in Gazette.

(2.) The Clerk of the Peace at *Hobart* shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the commencement of this Act, cause lists of such Justices as are referred to in this section to be prepared, showing therein the districts (within the meaning of this Act) wherein they respectively resided at the commencement of this Act; and every such list shall be published in the Gazette, and a copy of the Gazette containing any such list shall, on production, be prima facie evidence of the appointment as district Ju-tices of the persons named in such list for the districts for which they are stated therein to be Justices.

Aldermen and councillors appointed Justices under repealed Act to continue to be Justices, but only during term of office unexpired.

5 Every alderman of a city, and every councillor of a municipality, appointed a Justice under any Act hereby repealed, in and for such city or municipality, as the case may be, during his continuance in office as such alderman or councillor, and holding office on the day before the commencement of this Act, shall continue to be a Justice during his continuance in office as alderman or councillor, but in respect only of his term of such office then unexpired, and the provisions of this Act, excepting Sections Four, Six, Seven, and Twelve, shall, with necessary alterations, apply.

Power to appoint Justices.

**6**—(1.) The Governor may from time to time, by notice in the Gazette, appoint such and so many persons, being resident in each district, as he thinks fit, to be Justices in and for each district so long as such

persons continue to reside therein; and may in like manner revoke A.D. 1907. any such appointment. Upon any person appointed a Justice for a district ceasing to reside therein, his appointment shall be deemed to be revoked.

- (2.) Any person may, if the Governor thinks desirable, be appointed to be a Justice in and for any Two adjoining or adjacent districts; and upon any person so appointed ceasing to reside in either of such districts, his appointment shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 7 The mayor for the time being of every city, and the warden for Mayors and the time being of every municipality, shall, by virtue of his office, and wardens to be without any further commission or authority than this Act, be a Justice for Tasmania during his continuance in office.

Justices ex officio.

At every court of petty sessions holden in any city or municipality, the mayor or warden of the city or municipality shall have precedence over all other Justices except the chairman of any court of general sessions of the peace holden within such city or municipality.

8 A Justice may at any time resign his office by writing, addressed Resignation. to the Attorney-General of the State; and upon such resignation being accepted by the Governor, and upon such acceptance being notified in the Gazette, his office shall be vacated.

9-(1.) A person appointed or created a Justice shall not exercise Oaths to be taken any of the functions of his office until he has taken the oaths required by Justices.

33 Vict. No. 25. by law to be taken by a Justice upon appointment to office. Every 53 Vict. No. 9. person appointed or created a Justice under this Act, or under any Act repealed by this Act, may be declared by the Governor disquali- Disqualification. fied to act for any cause for which a Justice for Tasmania may now be removed from the commission of the peace.

(2.) If any person shall have taken or shall hereafter take the oaths Justices not required by the law in force for the time being to be taken by a Justice oaths more than on his appointment to office, and afterwards ceases or has ceased to hold once. such office, it shall not be necessary for him to again take the said 33 Vict. No. 25. oaths upon his again becoming a Justice, and he shall not incur any penalty or forfeiture for not again taking the said oaths.

10 Every district Justice shall have, and be deemed to have always District Justices had, when acting in the district in and for which he has been to have within appointed, the same jurisdiction, power, authority, and privileges as a district powers of territorial Justice for Tasmania has and may exercise and enjoy therein Justices. respectively.

11—(1.) Subject to the provisions of Subsection (2.) of this section Subject to Suba district Justice shall not sit or act as a Justice in any court of general section (2.) or quarter sessions of the peace, or of petty sessions, or at any meeting act out of district of Justices under "The Assessment Act, 1900," or "The Licensing for which Act, 1902," not holden within the district in and for which he is appointed. appointed a Justice.

64 Vict. No. 4. 2 Ed, VII, No. 32,

A.D. 1907.

- (2.) A district Justice may, pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of—
  - 1. "The Licensing Act, 1902," be constituted by virtue of that Act, or be appointed or elected thereunder, a member of a licensing bench, and act as such member:

II. "The Assessment Act, 1900," be and act as a member of a local authority—

notwithstanding that as such member he sits or acts outside the district in and for which he is appointed a Justice.

Police magistrate may act alone.

12 Every police magistrate shall have power to do alone whatever might be done by Two or more Justices sitting in petty sessions.

Justice, although a ratepayer, may act in municipal matters. 13 No Justice shall be disabled from acting in the due discharge and execution of his duties as Justice in any matter relating to any city, town, municipality, or any local authority or local governing body, by reason only of being a ratepayer or interested in common with the public.

Declaration, &c., required to be made before a Justice sufficient if made before a Justice for the place in which made.
47 Vict. No. 7, s. 11 (Tas.).
Cf. 54 Vict. No. 1105 (Vict.).

14 Where by any Act any affidavit or declaration is required to be made, or any document to be signed, before any Justice, it shall be sufficient if such affidavit or declaration is made or document is signed before a Justice for that part of His Majesty's dominions in which such affidavit or declaration is made or document is signed, as the case may be; and the signature of any person to such affidavit, declaration, or document purporting to be that of a Justice for that part of His Majesty's dominions in which the same is made or signed shall be received as primá facie evidence that such person is a Justice and signed such affidavit, declaration, or document, and had authority to administer such oath, or take such affidavit, declaration, or signature to such document, as the case may be.

Bankrupt incapable of acting as Justice.

15 If any person who is at any time a Justice is adjudged bankrupt, or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors under "The Bankruptcy Act, 1870," or by any deed or other writing compounds with or makes any assignment for the benefit of his creditors, he shall thereupon become incapable of acting as a Justice until he has been newly assigned or appointed in that behalf.

## SCHEDULE.

A.D. 1907.

## ACTS TO BE REPEALED.

Date and Number of Act.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
34 Vict. No. 33	"The Debtors Act, 1870"	Section 19
42 Vict. No. 44	An Act to remove Disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases	The whole Act
47 Vict. No. 7	An Act to provide for the Appointment of District Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes	So much as is unre- pealed
48 Vict. No. 1	An Act to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of District Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes"	
56 Vict. No. 3	"The District Justices Acts Amendment Act, 1892"	The whole Act
57 Viet. No. 11 58 Viet. No. 30 6 Ed. VII. No. 31	"The Hobart Corporation Act, 1893" "The Launceston Corporation Act, 1894"	Sections 52 and 326 Section 64 Section 95

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