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PART III.—
AMENDMENTS
OF "THE
REGIONAL
ELECTRIC
AUTHORITIES
ACTS, 1945 TO
1945."

(3.) A member appointed to the office of chairman pursuant to this section shall, subject to this Act, hold that office for the remainder of the period of office of his predecessor."

EVIDENCE.

An Act to Amend "The Australian Consular Officers' Notarial Powers and Evidence Acts, 1946 to 1949," in certain particulars.

[ASSENTED TO 26TH NOVEMBER, 1953.]

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THE
AUSTRALIAN
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1953.

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Australian Consular Officers' Notarial Powers and Evidence Acts Amendment Act of 1953*," and shall be read as one with *"*The Australian Consular Officers' Notarial Powers and Evidence Acts, 1946 to 1949*," herein referred to as the Principal Act.

The Principal Act and this Act may be collectively cited as "*The Australian Consular Officers' Notarial Powers and Evidence Acts, 1946 to 1953*."

2. Section two of the Principal Act is amended—

(i.) By repealing in that section the definition of the term "Australian Consular Officer" and by inserting, in lieu of that repealed definition, the following definition:—

" "Australian Consular Officer"—A person appointed to hold or act in any of the following offices (being an office of the Commonwealth of Australia) in a country or place outside Australia:—

- (a) Ambassador ;
- (b) High Commissioner ;
- (c) Minister ;
- (d) Head of Mission ;
- (e) Commissioner ;
- (f) Charge d'Affaires ;

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- (g) Counsellor or Secretary at an Embassy, High Commissioner's Office, Legation or other post ;
- (h) Consul General ;
- (i) Consul ;
- (j) Vice-Consul ;
- (k) Trade Commissioner ; and
- (l) Consular Agent ; "

(ii.) By repealing in that section the definition of the term " British Consular Officer ".

Repeal of
and new s. 4.

3. Section four of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is inserted in lieu of that repealed section, namely :—

Things
required to
be done
before
British
Consular
Officers may
be done
before
Australian
Consular
Officers, &c.

"[4.] Where any enactment in force at the commencement of this Act or thereafter in force requires, authorises, or permits any notarial act to be done by, or any oath or affidavit to be made or taken or any document to be sealed or signed or acknowledged or declared before, any person appointed to hold or act in any diplomatic or consular office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whether that person is in that enactment referred to as British ambassador, envoy, minister, charge d'affaires, secretary of embassy or legation, consul-general, consul, vice-consul, or consular agent, or by any other title, then the same may be done by or, as the case may be, made or taken or sealed or signed or acknowledged or declared before either that person or any Australian Consular Officer and for that purpose every reference in that enactment to such person shall be deemed to also include a reference to an Australian Consular Officer within the meaning of this Act.

For the purposes of this section the term " enactment " includes a provision of any Order in Council, regulation, rule, by-law or other instrument made pursuant to any Act of this State as well as an enactment of the Legislature of this State."

Retrospec-
tive
operation.

4. The amendments of the Principal Act made by this Act shall be deemed to have been so made on the twenty-eighth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and this Act shall have retrospective operation and effect on and from that date accordingly, but without prejudice to the validity of anything done under the Principal Act before the passing of this Act.