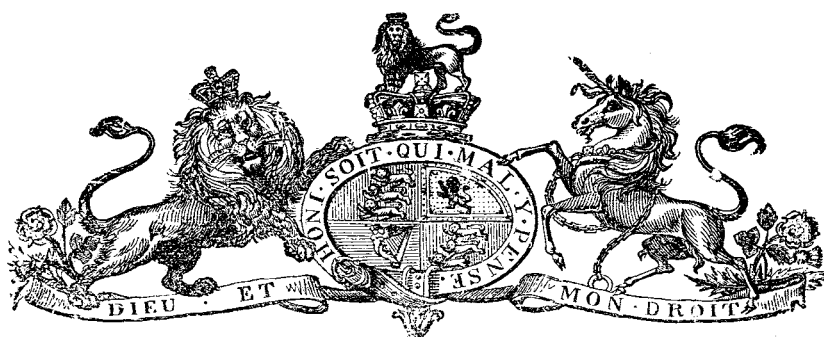


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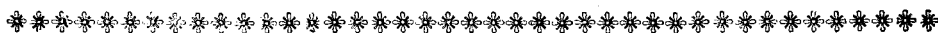


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No. 13.



AN ACT to amend "The Marriage Act, A.D. 1896.
1895." [2 October, 1896.] —

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:—

1 This Act may be cited as "The Marriage Amendment Act, 1896." Short title.

2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in "The Marriage Act, 1895," it shall be lawful in the case of persons intending marriage who object to the celebration of marriage by an officiating Minister or Registrar, to mutually contract and celebrate marriage between themselves: Provided, that a Registrar's Licence or Certificate has been obtained, and that such celebration is performed before Two or more witnesses, and in the presence of a Registrar of Marriages duly appointed, and that during some part of the ceremony each of the persons to be married shall say to the other—"I call upon those persons here present to witness that I (*A.B.*) do take thee (*C.D.*) to be my lawfully wedded wife (*or* husband)," or words to that effect: Provided also that all other conditions imposed by "The Marriage Act, 1895," upon parties intending marriage, and upon Registrars and witnesses, shall be duly complied with. Marriages may be celebrated in certain cases by mutual contract before some authorised person. 59 Vict. No. 23.

Marriage Amendment.

A.D. 1896.

The person witnessing any such Marriage responsible for due registration thereof.

Registrars may be appointed.

3 The Registrar witnessing such Marriage shall be held responsible for the due fulfilment of all the conditions imposed by Law, and shall register, certify, and do all other matters required by Law as if the ceremony of Marriage was actually celebrated by the Registrar, excepting that the words *before me* shall be used by him in all entries of certification instead of the words *by me* as otherwise provided.

4 Upon the receipt by the Registrar-General of a certificate under the hand of Two duly recognized officers of a religious body enumerated in the Schedule No. 2 of "The Marriage Act, 1895," or of a properly attested application and nomination from at least Twelve householders, declaring that for at least Six months they have habitually met together for the purpose of public worship as a separate and distinct body or congregation in a building regularly devoted to public worship, and that the said body or congregation is properly organized with duly appointed managers or officers, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Registrar-General, to appoint, during pleasure, any official nominated by any such religious body or congregation to be a Registrar of Marriages; and it shall be lawful for every Registrar so appointed to witness and officiate in any marriage celebrated under Section Two of this Act in any building, provided the ceremony is duly performed with open doors; and every Registrar so appointed shall have all the powers and authorities and be subject to all the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1895," which apply to a Registrar of Marriages; and every such appointment and every removal shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

Forms may be altered by Governor in Council.

5 It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, or the Registrar-General, with the consent of the Governor in Council, by Regulation, to alter from time to time all or any of the forms contained in the Schedules to "The Marriage Act, 1895," in such manner as may appear to them best for carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act or this Act, or to prescribe new forms for that purpose, and from time to time to alter and amend the same.

Acts to be read together.

6 This Act and "The Marriage Act, 1895," save as amended by this Act, shall be read and construed together as one and the same Act.