

CHILD WELFARE.

14° and 15° Geo. VI., No. LII.

No. 52 of 1950.

AN ACT to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1947.

[Assented to 18th December, 1950.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.
Cf. Act No.
66 of 1947,
s. 1.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Child Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1950*, and shall be read as one with the Child Welfare Act, 1947 (No. 66 of 1947), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Citation of
principal Act
as amended.

2. The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1950.

S. 20
amended.

3. Section twenty of the principal Act is amended by—
(a) inserting after the word "exercise" in line one of paragraph (a) the word "exclusive";

- (b) adding to paragraph (a) after the word "children" in line three the words "provided that, in respect of any alleged offence of committing or attempting to commit wilful murder, murder, manslaughter, or treason, a Children's Court shall exercise only the jurisdiction and powers possessed by resident magistrates in respect of that alleged offence: Provided further that a special magistrate may, if he thinks fit, commit for trial or sentence any child over the age of fourteen years charged with having committed or attempted to commit an indictable offence."

4. Section one hundred and thirty-seven of the principal Act is amended by— S. 137
amended.

- (a) inserting after the word "child" in line four of subsection (1) the words "or of any act by a child under the age of fourteen years which act, if it were committed by a child over fourteen years of age, would be an offence";
- (b) substituting the word "any" for the word "the" in line five of subsection (1);
- (c) substituting the word "any" for the word "such" in line six of subsection (1);
- (d) inserting after the word "child" in line three of subsection (3) the words "and the child has committed an offence".