

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 1 of 1954.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Marriage Ordinance 1929-1938.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1938* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1947*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Marriage Ordinance 1953*.^{*} Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Marriage Ordinance 1929-1938*, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Marriage Ordinance 1929-1953*.

2. Section twelve of the *Marriage Ordinance 1929-1938* is Minors. amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word “If” and inserting in its stead the words “Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, if”;

(b) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-sections:—

“ (1A.) If a person (including the Principal Registrar) whose consent is required refuses his consent, the Court may, on application by the minor, consent to the marriage and, where the Court so consents, the marriage may take place without consent of that person.

“ (1B.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, ‘the Court’ means—

(a) the Court of Petty Sessions constituted by a Stipendiary Magistrate; or

(b) the Supreme Court.

“ (1C.) A court exercising jurisdiction under this section shall, unless that court otherwise orders, sit *in camera*.”; and

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 7th January, 1954.

(c) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words "any such written consent" and inserting in their stead the words "a written consent referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section".

Dated this twenty-second day of December, 1953.

W. J. SLIM
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. SPICER
for and on behalf of the Minister of State
for the Interior.