

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 20 of 1940.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance 1930-1938.

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 1910-1940*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance 1940*.^{* Short title and citation.}

(2.) The *Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance 1930-1938*, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance 1930-1940*.

2. Section eighteen of the *Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance 1930-1938* is amended by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—^{Constitution of the Court.}

“(2.) The jurisdiction of the Court may be exercised by a Magistrate (other than a Special Magistrate) or by one or more Special Magistrates.

“(3.) When two or more Special Magistrates are divided in opinion on any case, the case shall be decided according to the decision of the majority, if there is a majority; but if the Court is equally divided in opinion, the case shall be adjourned for hearing and determination by a Magistrate (other than a Special Magistrate) on the next day appointed for the holding of the court constituted by that Magistrate.”

Dated this fifth day of November, 1940.

GOWRIE

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES

for Minister of State for the Interior.

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 7th November, 1940.