

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 4 of 1934.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Oaths Act, 1900, of the State of New South Wales in its application to the Territory and for other purposes.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933*, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Oaths Ordinance 1934*. Short title.

2. Section twenty-six of the *Oaths Act, 1900*, of the State of New South Wales, in its application to the Territory, is repealed and the following sections are inserted in its stead:—

“26. Any oath or affidavit required for the purpose of any court or for the purpose of the registration of any instrument in the Territory may be taken or made in any place, whether within or outside the Territory, before a notary public, before a justice of the peace of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth, or before any person having authority to administer an oath in that place. Before whom oaths or affidavits may be taken.”

“26A. In the case of any person having authority by the law of any country within His Majesty's Dominions to administer an oath, judicial notice shall be taken of his seal affixed to or impressed on, or of his signature subscribed to, any oath or affidavit.” Judicial notice to be taken of certain seals and signatures.

3. Any oath or affidavit taken before the commencement of this Ordinance, in any place, whether within or outside the Territory, before a notary public, before a justice of the peace of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth, or before any person having authority to administer an oath in that place, shall, for the purpose of any court or for the purpose of the registration of any instrument in the Territory, be, and be deemed at all times to have been, as valid and effectual as if this Ordinance had been in force when the oath or affidavit was taken. Validation of oaths and affidavits taken before commencement of Ordinance.

Dated this fourteenth day of February, 1934.

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Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. G. LATHAM

for Minister of State for the Interior.