

Jury Exemption

No. 13 of 1965

An Act to Exempt certain Persons from Liability to serve as Jurors.

[Assented to 18 May, 1965]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

- Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the *Jury Exemption Act 1965*.
- Commencement. 2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.
- Repeal. 3. The *Jury Exemption Act 1905*, the *Jury Exemption Act 1922* and the *Jury Exemption Act 1932* are repealed.
- Certain persons not liable to serve as jurors. 4.—(1.) A person, or a person included within a class of persons, referred to in the Schedule to this Act is not liable, and shall not be summoned, to serve as a juror in a Federal court, a court of a State or a court of a Territory of the Commonwealth.
- (2.) The Governor-General may make regulations for or in relation to—
- (a) exempting a Commonwealth employee, or a person included within a class of Commonwealth employees, specified in the regulations from liability to serve as a juror—
- (i) in Federal courts;
- (ii) in Federal courts exercising jurisdiction in a specified State or Territory of the Commonwealth; or
- (iii) in the courts of a specified Territory of the Commonwealth; and
- (b) exempting a Commonwealth employee, or a person included within a class of Commonwealth employees, specified in the regulations from liability to serve as a juror in the courts of the States or in the courts of a specified State.

(3.) A Commonwealth employee shall not be summoned to serve as a juror in a court in which, by reason of the regulations, he is exempt from serving as a juror.

- (4.) In this section, "Commonwealth employee" means—
- (a) a person employed under an Act; and
 - (b) a member, officer or employee of a body established by or under an Act.

5. Nothing in this Act operates so as to affect the validity of any verdict or judgment taken or given, or anything done, in proceedings in which a person who, by reason of this Act or the regulations, is not liable to serve as a juror serves as a juror.

Proceedings not
invalidated
where exempt
person serves
as a juror.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 4 (1.).

The Governor-General
 Members of the Federal Executive Council
 Justices of the High Court and of the courts created by the Parliament
 Senators
 Members of the House of Representatives
 Members of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission
 Members of the Tariff Board
 Commonwealth Police Officers and special Commonwealth Police Officers
 Members of the Defence Force other than members of the Regular Army Reserve and
 members of the Citizen Forces
 Members of the Regular Army Reserve or of the Citizen Forces who are rendering
 continuous service
