

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1939.

A BILL

To make further provision in relation to the attestation, verification, signing or acknowledgment of documents outside New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the the Evidence Act, 1898, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Evidence (Amendment) Act, 1939."

Short title and citation.

Evidence (Amendment.)

(2) The Evidence Act, 1898, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Evidence Act, 1898-1939.

5 2. The Evidence Act, 1898, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended— Amendment of Act No. 11, 1898.

(a) by inserting in section one after the matter relating to Part IV the following new matter:— Sec. 1.

PART IVA.—ATTESTATIONS, VERIFICATIONS,
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, ETC.—s. 52A.

10 (b) by inserting after section fifty-two the following new part:— New Part IVA.

PART IVA.
ATTESTATIONS, VERIFICATIONS,
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, ETC.

15 52A. Where by any Act or by any rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law made under any Act, any document is required, authorised or permitted to be attested or verified by, or signed or acknowledged before, a justice of the peace, Attestations, etc., before a justice.
cf. Vict. Act No. 3674, s. 120.
Q'land Act 1937, No. 24.

20 it shall be sufficient for all purposes if such document is attested or verified or signed or acknowledged in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside New South Wales by or before a justice of the peace for that part.

25 All courts and persons having by law or consent of parties authority to hear, receive and examine evidence in New South Wales shall take judicial and official notice of the signature of any justice of the peace in any part of His Majesty's dominions when such signature is attached or appended to any such document and

30 the place where such signature is so attached or appended purports to be shown.