



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 2 of 1984

AN ACT

To amend the *Justices Act*

[Assented to 3 April 1984]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Justices Amendment Act 1984*.

2. NEW SECTION

The *Justices Act* is amended by inserting after section 19 the following:

"19A. PURPORTED EXERCISE OF POWER OF JUSTICE

"(1) Where a person at any time before the commencement of this section purported to act under this or any other law in force in the Territory as a Justice in the honest but mistaken belief that he held a current appointment as such under this Act or was otherwise entitled to so act, that person shall, for the purposes of that action, be deemed to have been a duly appointed Justice at the time he so acted.

"(2) Subject to sub-section (3), any thing done, action taken or right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred in good faith by a person, before or after the commencement of this section, under this or any other law in force in the Territory as a result of the doing of anything by another person who purported to do that thing as a Justice but who did not at that time hold a current appointment as such under this Act, shall be deemed to have been as effectively done, taken, acquired, accrued or incurred as if that other person was a Justice at the time of his doing that thing.

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"(3) For the purposes of sub-section (2), a person shall not be taken to have acted otherwise than in good faith by reason only of his lodging or presenting a document for registration in a public register, or for acceptance under a law in force in the Territory, that was witnessed by a person purporting to act as a Justice who, the first-mentioned person subsequently discovered, was not so qualified at the time the document was witnessed."
