No. 20 of 1951.

An Act to repeal the Imprint Act, 1863-1935, and to enact in its place other provisions requiring printers to print their names and addresses on books and papers and for purposes incidental thereto.

[Assented to 18th October, 1951.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Imprint Act, 1951".

2. The Imprint Act, 1863-1935, is repealed.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, or some other meaning is clearly intended—

   "print" includes to take a copy from types, stones, or plates of any description.

4. (1) This Act shall not apply to—

   (a) any book or paper printed by order of either House of Parliament; or
   
   (b) an impression of any engraving;
   
   (c) any paper containing only the address, telephone number, business or profession of any person, and the articles in which he deals, or some one or more of these particulars;
(d) any papers containing only information relating to proposed sales of property;

(e) bank notes, bills of exchange, dividend warrants, promissory notes, or other securities for payment of money;

(f) bills of lading;

(g) policies of insurance;

(h) deeds, powers of attorney, agreements, instruments relating to real property, and other forms for use in preparing legal documents;

(i) stocks, shares, bonds, debentures, or other like securities and transfers and assignments thereof;

(j) receipts for money or goods;

(k) documents used in proceedings in courts such as writs, summonses, complaints, plaints, and warrants;

(l) any other books or papers exempted from this Act by the Governor by proclamation.

(2) The Governor may, by proclamation—

(a) exempt from this Act any books, papers, or class of books or papers specified in the proclamation;

(b) revoke or vary any proclamation in force under this section.

5. (1) Every person who prints any book or paper for publication or distribution shall print his name and address on every such book or paper in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(2) The name and address shall be printed either before the commencement of, or after the end of, the other printed matter in the book or paper: Provided that on a paper consisting of one sheet only, the name and address may be printed at the bottom of the front page thereof.

(3) The address to be printed on a book or paper pursuant to this section shall be—

(a) where the printer is a body corporate, or partnership, the address of its registered office or of a place in the State where its business is conducted;

(b) where the printer is an individual person the address of his usual place of abode or business.
(4) Where a book or paper is printed by a partnership, the firm name, as registered under the laws relating to the registration of business names, may be printed thereon instead of the names of the individual partners.

6. Every person who prints any book or paper for publication or distribution shall—

(a) keep at least one copy of such book or paper for at least six months after the last copy thereof was printed;

(b) write or print on a copy so kept the name of the person on whose behalf he printed such book or paper.

7. Where a book or paper is printed at the Government Printing Office, the Government Printer shall be deemed to have complied with section 5 of this Act if the words "Printed by the Government Printer" are printed on the book or paper in the place prescribed by that section.

8. A person shall not sell or distribute any book or paper printed in the State and on which the name and address of the printer is not printed as required by this Act.

9. Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, this Act in any respect shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

10. Proceedings for offence against this Act shall be heard and determined summarily.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.