

1983

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

---

Presented and read a first time, 4 May 1983

(*Special Minister of State*)

## A BILL

FOR

### An Act to amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

#### Short title, &c.

5     1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Amendment Act 1983*.

      (2) The *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906*<sup>1</sup> is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

#### Commencement

10     2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

#### Interpretation

      3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of "Election" and substituting the following definitions:

15     " 'Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations' means the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations as amended

and in force from time to time under the *Australian Capital Territory Representation (House of Representatives) Act 1973*;

“ ‘Election’ means an election of senators or of members of the House of Representatives;

“ ‘Elector’ includes an elector of the Australian Capital Territory or of the Northern Territory; 5

“ ‘Northern Territory Electoral Regulations’ means the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations as amended and in force from time to time under the *Northern Territory Representation Act 1922* and the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*; 10

“ ‘Territory’ means the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory.”.

### **Application of Electoral Act**

4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in sub-section (1) “, in relation to the States,” after “apply”; 15

(b) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-sections:

“(1A) Subject to this Act, so many of the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* referred to in sub-section (1) as would apply (whether with or without modification) in relation to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory for the purposes of an election of a member of the House of Representatives for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or for the Northern Territory, as the case may be, shall apply, in relation to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, as the case may be, to a referendum. 20 25

“(1B) For the purposes of a referendum, the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* referred to in sub-section (1A) shall apply, in relation to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, with the same modifications that would be applicable for the purposes of an election of a member of the House of Representatives for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or for the Northern Territory, as the case may be, other than the modifications— 30

(a) in the case of the Australian Capital Territory—that would be made to sections 88, 164, 164A, 164B and 181A of that Act for the purposes of such an election; and 35

(b) in the case of the Northern Territory—that would be made to section 164 of that Act for the purposes of such an election.

“(1C) Subject to this Act, any provision or provisions of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations that would, for the purposes of an election of a member of the House of Representatives for an 40

Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or for the Northern Territory, as the case may be, apply in substitution for a provision of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* referred to in sub-section (1), shall apply, in relation to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, as the case may be, to a referendum.

“(1D) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this Act, in relation to a referendum, to a provision of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* shall, in relation to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory—

- (a) where that provision would, for the purposes of an election of a member of the House of Representatives for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or for the Northern Territory, as the case may be, be applied subject to modifications made by the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations, as the case may be—be read as a reference to that provision as so modified; and
- (b) where a provision or provisions of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations, as the case may be, would, for the purposes of such an election, apply in substitution for that provision—be read as a reference to the provision or provisions of those regulations that would so apply.”;
- (c) by inserting in paragraph (2) (e) “for an Electoral Division of a State” after “Assistant Returning Officer”;
- (d) by inserting after paragraph (2) (e) the following paragraph:
  - “(ea) The Returning Officer and each Assistant Returning Officer for each Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory and the Returning Officer and each Assistant Returning Officer for the Northern Territory shall, in any case, make the necessary arrangements for the taking of the votes of the electors of that Division or of that Territory, as the case may be;”;
- (e) by inserting in paragraph (2) (g) “in the States” after “to be used”;
- (f) by inserting after paragraph (2) (g) the following paragraphs:
  - “(ga) For the purposes of the taking of the votes of the electors of the Australian Capital Territory at a referendum, the ballot-papers to be used under Part XII and sections 121 and 121A shall, subject to any modifications made by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer, be in accordance with the forms prescribed for use in connection with a referendum;
  - “(gb) For the purposes of the taking of the votes of the electors of the Northern Territory at a referendum, the ballot-papers to be used under Part XII and sections 113, 121 and 121A shall, subject to any modifications made by the Chief Australian

Electoral Officer, be in accordance with the forms prescribed for use in connection with a referendum;”;

- (g) by omitting from paragraph (2) (h) “or the regulations” and substituting “, the regulations, the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations”; and 5
- (h) by omitting from paragraph (2) (i) “or the regulations” and substituting “, the regulations, the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations”. 10

5. After section 4 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part I:

**Electoral Officers for Territories**

“4A. (1) There shall be an Electoral Officer for the Australian Capital Territory and an Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory for the purposes of the conduct of a referendum in those Territories. 15

“(2) The Electoral Officers for the Territories shall be members of the staff of the Australian Electoral Office and shall be appointed by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer.

“(3) The Electoral Officer for each Territory shall, subject to the directions of the Chief Australian Electoral Officer, be responsible for the conduct of a referendum in that Territory.”. 20

**Copy of writ and proposed law to be sent to Governors of States and Administrator of Northern Territory**

6. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof “and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory”. 25

**Action by Chief Australian Electoral Officer on receipt of writ**

7. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

- “(a) forward copies of the writ to the Australian Electoral Officer for each State and to the Electoral Officer for each Territory; and”. 30

8. Section 10 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are substituted:

**Action by Electoral Officers of Territories**

“9A. The Electoral Officer for each Territory shall, forthwith after the receipt by him of the copy of the writ— 35

- (a) cause to be inserted in at least one newspaper circulating in that Territory a notice setting out—
  - (i) the particulars of the writ; and

- (ii) a copy of the proposed law or a copy of the statement (if any) attached to the writ;
- (b) cause copies of the proposed law or of the statement (if any) attached to the writ to be exhibited at Post Offices in that Territory and at such other places in that Territory as the Chief Australian Electoral Officer directs; and
- (c) forward a copy of the writ and a copy of the proposed law or of the statement (if any) attached to the writ—
  - (i) in the case of the Australian Capital Territory—to the Returning Officer for each Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory and to each Assistant Returning Officer for that Electoral Division; and
  - (ii) in the case of the Northern Territory—to the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory and to each Assistant Returning Officer for a District of the Northern Territory.

**Action by officers to carry writ into effect**

“10. The Divisional Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers for the States and the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers for the Territories shall, subject to this Act and to the directions of—

- (a) in the case of a State—the Australian Electoral Officer for that State; and
  - (b) in the case of a Territory—the Electoral Officer for that Territory,
- forthwith after the receipt of a copy of the writ take all action that is necessary to be taken to carry the writ into effect.”.

**Forms of ballot-paper**

9. Section 14A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by adding at the end of sub-section (1A) “, as modified, in the case of voting by Territory electors, by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer”;
- (b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:
  - “(2) For the purposes of voting—
    - (a) under the regulations relating to absent voting made in pursuance of section 113 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*; or
    - (b) under Division 2A of Part IX of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations,

the ballot-papers to be used shall be in accordance with the forms prescribed by the regulations relating to absent voting, as modified, in the case of voting by Northern Territory electors, by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer.”;
- (c) by adding at the end of sub-section (2A) “, as modified, in the case of voting by Territory electors, by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer”;

- (d) by adding at the end of sub-section (2B) “, as modified, in the case of voting by Territory electors, by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer”; and
- (e) by omitting from sub-section (3) “the Divisional Returning Officer or of the presiding officer” and substituting “a Divisional Returning Officer, a Returning Officer for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory, the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory or a presiding officer”. 5

**Application of absent and postal voters provisions**

**10.** Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraph: 10

- “(ca) a person who is entitled to receive a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper for the purposes of the election under regulation 87 of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations shall also be entitled to receive, in the same manner, a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper for the purposes of the referendum;”. 15

**11.** Section 17 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

**Appointment of scrutineers**

“17. (1) The Governor-General, or a person authorized by him to act under this sub-section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer at each polling booth in each State and in each Territory during the voting at a referendum. 20

“(2) The Governor of a State, or a person authorized by him to act under this sub-section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer at each polling booth in that State during the voting at a referendum. 25

“(3) The Administrator of the Northern Territory, or a person authorized by him to act under this sub-section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer at each polling booth in the Northern Territory during the voting at a referendum.”. 30

**Ascertainment of result of submission**

**12.** Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-sections:

“(2) The Governor-General, or a person authorized by him to act under this sub-section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer during the scrutiny at each polling booth, subdivision of a polling booth or place where the scrutiny is to be conducted. 35

“(3) The Governor of a State, or a person authorized by him to act under this sub-section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer during the scrutiny at each polling booth, subdivision of a polling booth or place where the scrutiny is to be conducted in that State. 40

“(4) The Administrator of the Northern Territory, or a person authorized by him to act under this section, may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer during the scrutiny at each polling booth, subdivision of a polling booth or place where the scrutiny is to be conducted in the Northern Territory.”.

5 **Conduct of scrutiny**

**13.** Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (e) “Division” and substituting “Electoral Division or Territory”; and

(b) by omitting paragraph (f) and substituting the following paragraph:

10 “(f) all ballot-boxes not opened by an Assistant Returning Officer shall be opened—

15 (i) in the case of a ballot-box received from a polling place within an Electoral Division of a State—by the Divisional Returning Officer for that Electoral Division;

(ii) in the case of a ballot-box received from a polling place within an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory—by the Returning Officer for that Electoral Division; and

20 (iii) in the case of a ballot-box received from a polling place within the Northern Territory—by the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory.”.

**Action at scrutiny**

**14.** Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended—

25 (a) by inserting in paragraph (1) (f) “, the Returning Officer for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory, as the case requires,” after “Divisional Returning Officer”;

30 (b) by inserting in sub-section (2) “by electors of the States” after “used for voting”; and

(c) by omitting sub-sections (3) and (4) and substituting the following sub-sections:

35 “(3) Subject to sub-section (4), all ballot-papers used for voting in pursuance of Part XII of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* shall be dealt with—

(a) in the case of voting by post by electors of the States—as prescribed by that Part of that Act and by the regulations relating to voting by post;

40 (b) in the case of voting by post by electors of the Australian Capital Territory—as prescribed by that Part of that Act and by the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations; and

(c) in the case of voting by post by electors of the Northern Territory—as prescribed by that Part of that Act and by the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations.

“(4) All ballot-papers used for voting by electors of the States in pursuance of section 91A of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* shall be dealt with as prescribed by the regulations relating to voting in pursuance of that section of that Act. 5

“(5) All ballot-papers used for voting by electors of the States in pursuance of sections 121 and 121A of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* shall be dealt with as prescribed by the regulations. 10

“(6) Ballot-papers used for voting in pursuance of regulations 50 and 51 of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations shall be dealt with as prescribed by those regulations.

“(7) Ballot-papers used for voting in pursuance of regulations 78, 79, 91 and 97A of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations shall be dealt with as prescribed by those regulations.”. 15

### **Informal ballot-papers**

**15.** Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting paragraph (1) (d) and substituting the following paragraph: 20

“(d) it has upon it any mark or writing (not authorized by this Act, the regulations, the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations to be put upon it)—

(i) in the case of a ballot-paper used for voting by an elector of a State—by which, in the opinion of the Divisional Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer, the voter can be identified; and 25

(ii) in the case of a ballot-paper used for voting by an elector of a Territory—by which, in the opinion of the Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer, the voter can be identified.”; 30

(b) by omitting sub-sections (2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) and substituting the following sub-sections:

“(2) An absent voter’s ballot-paper shall be informal only— 35

(a) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of a State—on the grounds prescribed by the regulations relating to absent voting; and

(b) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of the Northern Territory—on the grounds prescribed by the provisions of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations relating to absent voting. 40



“(2A) A postal ballot-paper shall be informal only—

- (a) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of a State—on the grounds prescribed by Part XII of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and by the regulations relating to postal voting;
- (b) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of the Australian Capital Territory—on the grounds prescribed by the provisions of that Part of that Act relating to postal ballot-papers or by the provisions of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations relating to postal ballot-papers; and
- (c) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of the Northern Territory—on the grounds prescribed by the provisions of that Part of that Act relating to postal ballot-papers or by the provisions of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations relating to postal ballot-papers.

“(2B) A ballot-paper used for voting by an elector of a State in pursuance of section 91A, 121 or 121A of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* shall be informal only on the grounds prescribed by the regulations.

“(2C) A ballot-paper used for voting in pursuance of regulation 50 or 51 of the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations shall be informal only on the grounds prescribed by those regulations.

“(2D) A ballot-paper used for voting in pursuance of regulation 78, 79 or 91 of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations shall be informal only on the grounds prescribed by those regulations.

“(2E) A ballot-paper—

- (a) shall not be informal otherwise than as mentioned in this section; and
- (b) shall be given effect to according to the voter’s intention, so far as his intention is clear.”; and
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (3) “or the regulations” and substituting “, the regulations, the Australian Capital Territory Representation Regulations or the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations”.

#### **Return of result of submission by Returning Officers of States**

16. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “Each Divisional Returning Officer” and substituting “The Divisional Returning Officer for each Electoral Division of a State”.

17. After section 22 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

#### **Return of result of submission by Returning Officers of Territories**

“22A. (1) Each Territory Returning Officer shall, forthwith after he has counted the votes on the ballot-papers taken from the ballot-boxes opened by

him and has received from each Assistant Returning Officer a statement showing the voting on the ballot-papers taken from the ballot-boxes opened by the Assistant Returning Officer, indorse on the copy of the writ a statement certifying, in relation to the votes given at the polling places in or for the Electoral Division or Territory for which that Returning Officer was appointed—

5

- (a) the number of votes given in favour of the proposed law;
- (b) the number of votes given not in favour of the proposed law; and
- (c) the number of ballot-papers rejected as informal,

and shall send the copy of the writ so indorsed to the Electoral Officer for the Australian Capital Territory or the Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory, as the case requires.

10

“(2) In sub-section (1), ‘Territory Returning Officer’ means the Returning Officer for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory.”.

15

### **Recount**

**18.** Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-section:

“(1A) At any time before indorsing his copy of the writ as provided for in section 24A, the Electoral Officer for the Australian Capital Territory or the Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory may, if he thinks fit, and shall, if so directed by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer, direct the Returning Officer for an Electoral Division of the Australian Capital Territory or the Returning Officer for the Northern Territory, as the case may be, to make a recount of the ballot-papers contained in any parcel relating to that Electoral Division or to the Northern Territory, as the case may be.”; and

20

25

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (2) “or the Governor of a State” and substituting “, the Governor of a State or the Administrator of the Northern Territory”.

30

### **Reservation of disputed ballot-papers**

**19.** Section 23A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting sub-sections (1) and (2) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(1) At any recount of votes at a referendum, the officer conducting the recount may, and at the request of any scrutineer shall, reserve any ballot-paper for the decision of—

35

- (a) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of a State—the Australian Electoral Officer for that State; and
- (b) in the case of a ballot-paper used by an elector of a Territory—the Chief Australian Electoral Officer or an officer appointed by him,

40

and that officer shall decide whether the ballot-paper is to be allowed and admitted or disallowed and rejected.”; and

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (3) “for the decision of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State” and substituting “for decision in accordance with sub-section (1)”.

**20.** After section 24 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

**Indorsement on writ by Electoral Officer of Territory**

“24A. The Electoral Officer for each Territory shall indorse on his copy of the writ a statement showing, in relation to the Territory for which he was appointed—

- (a) the number of votes given in favour of the proposed law;  
(b) the number of votes given not in favour of the proposed law; and  
(c) the number of ballot-papers rejected as informal,

and shall sign the statement and transmit the copy of the writ so indorsed to the Chief Australian Electoral Officer.”.

**Return of writ**

**21.** Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1) “by the Commonwealth Electoral Officers for the several States” and substituting “in pursuance of sections 24 and 24A”; and  
(b) by omitting from sub-section (1) “and as regards the whole Commonwealth” and substituting “, as regards the Australian Capital Territory, as regards the Northern Territory and as regards the whole Commonwealth”.

**Copies of statement to be sent to State Governors and Administrator of the Northern Territory**

**22.** Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof “and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory”.

**Disputing validity of submission or return**

**23.** Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “or by any State” and substituting “, by any State or by the Northern Territory”.

**Requisites of petition**

**24.** Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (c) “or the Attorney-General of a State for and on behalf of the State” and substituting “, the Attorney-General of a State for and on behalf of the State or the Attorney-General of the Northern Territory for and on behalf of the Northern Territory”.

**25.** Section 30 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

**Notice of petition**

“30. (1) Where the petition is filed by the Commonwealth, the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth shall notify the Attorneys-General of the several States and the Attorney-General of the Northern Territory of the filing of the petition.

5

“(2) Where the petition is filed by a State, the Attorney-General of that State shall notify the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, the Attorneys-General of the other States and the Attorney-General of the Northern Territory of the filing of the petition.

10

“(3) Where the petition is filed by the Northern Territory, the Attorney-General of the Northern Territory shall notify the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth and the Attorneys-General of the several States of the filing of the petition.”.

15

**Joinder of parties**

**26.** Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “or of any State” and substituting “, of any State or of the Northern Territory”.

**Return of expenses in connection with referendum**

**27.** Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended—

20

(a) by omitting from sub-section (4) “with the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State in which the money was expended or expense incurred” and substituting “, in the case of money expended or expense incurred in a State, with the Australian Electoral Officer for the State, and in the case of money expended or expense incurred in a Territory, with the Chief Australian Electoral Officer,”; and

25

(b) by inserting after sub-section (5) the following sub-section:

“(5A) In sub-section (5), ‘State’ includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.”.

**Return by newspaper proprietors**

30

**28.** Section 36 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1) “the Commonwealth” and substituting “a State or in a Territory”; and

(b) by omitting sub-section (4) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(4) The return required to be made by the proprietor or publisher of a newspaper shall be in accordance with the prescribed form, shall be signed by the person making it, shall be declared to before a Justice of the Peace and shall be filed—

35

(a) in the case of a newspaper published in a State—with the Australian Electoral Officer for that State; and

40

5

(b) in the case of a newspaper published in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory—with the Chief Australian Electoral Officer,  
before the expiration of 12 weeks after the result of the referendum has been declared.”.

**Formal Amendments**

**29.** The Principal Act is amended as set out in the Schedule.

---

**SCHEDULE**

Section 29

Provision	Omit	Substitute
Section 3 (definition of "Absent voter")	"section one hundred and thirteen" 1918-1934	"section 113" "1918"
Section 3 (definition of "Absent voting")	"section one hundred and thirteen" 1918-1934	"section 113" "1918"
Sub-section 4 (1)	"section forty-five, sub-section (3) of section forty-seven and the proviso to sub-section (1) of section fifty-seven of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act</i> 1918-1934,"  "sub-section (2) of section one hundred and forty-one and section one hundred and ninety-four A"	"section 45, sub-section 47 (3) and the proviso to sub-section 57 (1) of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act</i> 1918," "sub-section 141 (2) and section 194A"
Paragraph 4 (2) (f)	"Sections one hundred and four, one hundred and five, one hundred and five A, one hundred and five B, one hundred and six, one hundred and eight, one hundred and twelve, one hundred and twenty-three, one hundred and twenty-four, one hundred and fifty-six, one hundred and fifty-seven, one hundred and fifty-eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and sixty-one, and one hundred and sixty-two,"	"Sections 104, 105, 105A, 105B, 106, 108, 112, 123, 124, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161 and 162"
Paragraph 4 (2) (g)	"section one hundred and thirteen, section one hundred and twenty-one, and section one hundred and twenty-one A"	"sections 113, 121 and 121A"
Sub-section 6A (1)	"four" (wherever occurring) "the Chief Electoral Officer" (wherever occurring)  "two thousand" (wherever occurring) "two months" "two weeks"	"4" "the Chief Australian Electoral Officer" "2,000" "2 months" "2 weeks"
Sub-section 6A (2)	"two thousand" (wherever occurring)	"2,000"
Section 8	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Section 9	"The Commonwealth Electoral Officer"  "two" "the Chief Electoral Officer"	"The Australian Electoral Officer" "2" "the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 14A (1A)	"section ninety-one A" "1918-1934"	"section 91A" "1918"
Sub-section 14A (2A)	"1918-1934"	"1918"
Sub-section 14A (2B)	"section one hundred and twenty-one and section one hundred and twenty-one A" "1918-1934"	"sections 121 and 121A" "1918"
Sub-section 14A (3)	"two" (wherever occurring)	"2"
Section 15	"section ninety-one A, section one hundred and twenty-one or section one hundred and twenty-one A" (wherever occurring) "1918-1934" (wherever occurring)	"section 91A, 121 or 121A" "1918"
Section 15A	"section one hundred and fifteen" "1918-1934"	"section 115" "1918"
Paragraph 19 (b)	"the preceding section"	"section 18"
Sub-section 21 (1)	"section ninety-one A, section one hundred and twenty-one or section one hundred and twenty-one A" "1918-1934"	"section 91A, 121 or 121A" "1918"
Section 21	"Twenty dollars"	"\$20"
Section 22	"the Commonwealth Electoral Officer"	"the Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 23 (1)	"section twenty-four"	"section 24"

**SCHEDULE—continued**

Provision	Omit	Substitute
	"the Commonwealth Electoral Officer"	"the Australian Electoral Officer"
	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 23 (2)	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Section 24	"Each Commonwealth Electoral Officer"	"Each Australian Electoral Officer"
	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 25 (1)	"The Chief Electoral Officer"	"The Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 25 (2)	"The Chief Electoral Officer"	"The Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Paragraph 28 (d)	"forty"	"40"
	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 35 (1)	"three"	"3"
Sub-section 35 (2)	"three"	"3"
Sub-section 35 (3)	"two"	"2"
Sub-section 35 (4)	"twelve"	"12"
Sub-section 35 (5)	"the Chief Electoral Officer"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
Sub-section 35 (6)	"One hundred dollars"	"\$100"
Sub-section 35 (7)	"One hundred dollars"	"\$100"
Sub-section 35 (8)	"Two hundred dollars"	"\$200"
	"six"	"6"
Sub-section 35 (9)	"The Chief Electoral Officer"	"The Chief Australian Electoral Officer"
	"sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of this section"	"sub-section (1) or (2)"
	"Two hundred dollars"	"\$200"
	"six"	"6"
Sub-section 36 (1)	"three"	"3"
	"Two hundred dollars"	"\$200"
Sub-section 36 (3)	"two"	"2"
Section 40	"six"	"6"
	"section twenty-five of this Act"	"section 25"
Section 42	"this Part of this Act"	"this Part"
	"1918-1934"	"1918"
Section 43	"Four hundred dollars"	"\$400"
Section 44	"Four hundred dollars"	"\$400"
Section 45	"Four hundred dollars"	"\$400"
Section 46	"Four hundred dollars"	"\$400"
Section 47	"Two hundred dollars"	"\$200"
Sub-section 48 (1)	"Two hundred dollars"	"\$200"
Sub-section 49 (1)	"Ten dollars"	"\$10"
Schedule (Form E)	"the Chief Electoral Officer for the Commonwealth and to the Commonwealth Electoral Officers for the several States"	"the Chief Australian Electoral Officer and to the Australian Electoral Officers and to the Electoral Officers for the Territories"
	"in each State"	"in each State and Territory"

**NOTE**

1. No. 11, 1906, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 20, 1909; No. 31, 1910; Nos. 17 and 35, 1912; No. 38, 1915; No. 14, 1919; No. 23, 1926; No. 42, 1928; No. 61, 1936; No. 80, 1950; Nos. 49 and 121, 1965; No. 93, 1966; No. 216, 1973; No. 56, 1975; No. 23, 1977; and No. 155, 1980.