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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
THE SENATE

(Presented and read a first time, 23 August 1988)

(MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS, SENATOR RAY)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*

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

Short title etc.

5 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1988*.

 (2) In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*¹.

Commencement

10 2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Appointment of scrutineers

 3 Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsections:

“(4) The registered officer of a registered political party may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer during voting at a referendum at each place in Australia where voting is being conducted.

“(5) In this section:

‘registered officer’, in relation to a registered political party, has the same meaning as the expression has in Part XIV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* by virtue of section 4C of that Act; 5

‘registered political party’ has the same meaning as in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.”. 10

Ascertainment of result of referendum

4. Section 89 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsections:

“(4A) The registered officer of a registered political party may appoint one person to act as a scrutineer during the scrutiny at each counting centre. 15

“(5) In this section:

‘counting centre’ means any premises at which a scrutiny or counting of ballot-papers for a referendum is to be, or is being, conducted;

‘registered officer’, in relation to a registered political party, has the same meaning as the expression has in Part XIV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* by virtue of section 4C of that Act; 20

‘registered political party’ has the same meaning as in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.”. 25

NOTE

1. No. 44, 1984, as amended. For previous amendments, see Nos. 120 and 133, 1984; No. 67, 1985; and No. 77, 1988.