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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Presented and read a first time, 13 September 1984

*(Special Minister of State)*

**A BILL**

FOR

**An Act to amend certain provisions relating to electoral and referendum advertising and to ensure that sub-section 273 (20) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* applies for the purposes of the *Representation Act 1983***

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

**PART I—PRELIMINARY**

**Short title**

- 5       **1.** This Act may be cited as the *Electoral and Referendum Amendment Act 1984*.

**Commencement**

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

10       **PART II—AMENDMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
ELECTORAL ACT 1918**

**Principal Act**

- 3** The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*<sup>1</sup> is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act.

**Scrutiny of votes in Senate elections**

4. Section 273 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (20) "and the *Representation Act 1983*" after "For the purposes of this Act".

**Misleading or deceptive publications, &c.**

5. Section 329 of the Principal Act is amended—

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- (a) by omitting sub-section (2);
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (4) " , (2)"; and
- (c) by omitting sub-sections (6) and (7) and substituting the following sub-section:

"(6) In this section, 'publish' includes publish by radio or television."

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**Voiding election for illegal practices**

6 Section 362 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (4).

**PART III—AMENDMENTS OF THE REFERENDUM  
(MACHINERY PROVISIONS) ACT 1984**

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**Principal Act**

7 The *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*<sup>2</sup> is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act.

**Misleading or deceptive publications, &c.**

8. Section 122 of the Principal Act is amended—

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- (a) by omitting sub-section (2);
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (4) " , (2)"; and
- (c) by omitting sub-section (6).

**NOTES**

1. No. 27, 1918. For previous amendments, see No. 31, 1919; No. 14, 1921; No. 14, 1922; No. 10, 1924; No. 20, 1925; No. 17, 1928; No. 2, 1929; No. 9, 1934; No. 19, 1940; No. 42, 1946; No. 17, 1948; Nos. 10 and 47, 1949; No. 106, 1952; No. 79, 1953; No. 26, 1961; No. 31, 1962; Nos. 48 and 70, 1965; Nos. 32 and 93, 1966; No. 7, 1973; No. 216, 1973 (as amended by No. 20, 1974); No. 38, 1974; No. 56, 1975; Nos. 14 and 116, 1977; No. 19, 1979; Nos. 102 and 155, 1980; No. 176, 1981 (as amended by No. 26, 1982); No. 80, 1982, Nos. 39 and 144, 1983; and Nos. 45 and 000, 1984.

2. No. 44, 1984. For previous amendments, see No. 000, 1984.