

REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NO. 2).

No. 51 of 1915.

An Act to provide for the withdrawal of writs issued by the Governor-General for the submission of certain proposed laws to the electors, and for matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 15th November, 1915.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS seven proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution were passed by both Houses of the Parliament during the Session held in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifteen :

And whereas in pursuance of the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915* the Governor-General did on the second day of November One thousand nine hundred and fifteen issue writs for the submission of the said proposed laws to the electors :

And whereas it is expedient that the writs for the submission of the said proposed laws to the electors be withdrawn, and that no further proceedings be taken in relation to such submission :

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act (No. 2) 1915*.

Withdrawal of writs.

2.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915* the Governor-General may by proclamation—

(a) direct the withdrawal of the writs which have been issued by him for the submission to the electors of the proposed laws passed by both Houses of the Parliament during the session held in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of any copies of those writs which have been or were to be forwarded to the Governors of the several States and to the Commonwealth Electoral Officers for the several States and to the Divisional Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers ; and

(b) direct that no further proceedings be taken in relation to the submission of the proposed laws to the electors.

(2.) Upon the issue of the proclamation, effect shall be given to the proclamation in such manner as the Prime Minister directs.