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No. 577.

An Act to amend "The Absent Voters Electoral
Act, 1890."

[Assented to, December 23rd, 1893.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. This Act shall be incorporated with "The Absent Voters Electoral Act, 1890," hereinafter referred to as "The principal Act." Incorporation.
2. Section 16 of the principal Act (providing for its expiration) is hereby repealed. Continuance of Act
No. 498 of 1890.
3. In lieu of personal application to the Returning Officer, as required by section 4 of the principal Act, any elector may apply for a certificate to vote through the post office by a declaration in form in Schedule A, made and subscribed before, and attested by, any Justice of the Peace or postmaster. Personal application
no longer necessary.
4. The Returning Officer, on the receipt of the application provided for by the previous section, shall forward the necessary certificate and voting paper through the post as a registered letter, addressed to the applicant at the address given in the application. Issue of certificate.
5. The procedure in respect to the issue and use of certificates and voting-papers issued under sections 3 and 4 shall be the same as in the case of the issue and use of certificates and voting-papers issued pursuant to personal application, except that— Procedure.

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- I. The elector shall not be required to acknowledge the receipt of the certificate and voting-paper in the receipt book provided for by the principal Act, and the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of the principal Act shall not apply :
- II. The Returning Officer, in lieu of numbering the receipt book, shall number the application :
- III. At the scrutiny comparison shall be made between the signature on the voting-paper and the signature to the application, instead of between the signature to the voting-paper and the signature in the receipt book.

Returning Officer shall appoint a substitute.

6. The Returning Officer shall appoint a substitute to act for him in regard to the issuing of certificates and voting-papers to absent voters whenever he will be temporarily absent from his office for more than four hours at any time between the day of the issuing of the writ and the day of election.

Amendment of sec. 11 of principal Act.

7. In place of the word "unfolded" in sub-section (c) of section 11 of the principal Act shall be read the word "folded."

Deputy may act for postmaster.

8. Any person acting as postmaster may exercise all the functions of a postmaster under this Act or the principal Act.

Penalties.

9. Any person who shall wilfully make any false statement in any declaration provided for by this Act, or by the principal Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction in the Supreme Court, shall be liable to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for any term not exceeding two years.

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

S. J. WAY, Lieutenant-Governor.

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SCHEDULES REFERRED TO.

SCHEDULE A.

House of Assembly.

To the Returning Officer, Electoral District of .

I [*here state your christian names, surname, residence, and occupation*] do hereby declare as follows, that is to say:—

1. I have been duly registered for six months on the electoral roll, and am now entitled to vote for the District of , and to vote at .

2. I reside at the above address in the said district, and I am not registered in any other district, and I am of the age of twenty-one years.

3. I make this application for a certificate to entitle me to vote through the post office, believing that I shall be absent from the above-named district on the day of voting at the forthcoming election.

I request that the necessary certificate and voting-paper be forwarded to me at the above address [*or, to*].

Dated this day of 18 .
(*Signature*)

*Signed and declared in the presence of—

*N.B.—To be signed in the presence either of a Justice of the Peace or postmaster or deputy-postmaster.

Any false statement in the above is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, not exceeding two years.

SCHEDULE B.

Legislative Council.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, Division of .

I [*here state your christian names, surname, residence, and occupation*] do hereby declare as follows, that is to say:—

1. I have been duly registered for six months on the electoral roll for the Division of , and to vote at .

2. I reside at the above address in the said division, and I am not registered in any other division. I am still possessed of the same qualification for which my name now stands in the electoral roll for the Division of . I am of the age of twenty-one years.

3. I make this application for a certificate to entitle me to vote through the post office, believing that I shall be absent from the above-named division on the day of voting at the forthcoming election.

I request that the necessary certificate and voting-paper be forwarded to me at the above address [*or to*].

Dated this day of , 18 .
(*Signature*)

*Signed and declared in the presence of—

*N.B.—To be signed in the presence either of a Justice of the Peace or postmaster or deputy postmaster.

Any false statement in the above is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, not exceeding two years.