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## No. 1914.

An Act to provide for the appointment of a Commission to enquire into and report upon the Redivision of the State into Electoral Districts and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[*Assented to, November 13th, 1929.*]

**B**E it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Electoral Districts (Redivision) Act, 1929". Short title.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

"Commission" means the Electoral Commission appointed under this Act:

"District" means Electoral District for the election of members of the House of Assembly or, as the case may be, of the Legislative Council:

"Existing metropolitan districts" means the Assembly districts of Adelaide, North Adelaide, Port Adelaide, West Torrens, Sturt, and East Torrens, as existing at the commencement of this Act:

"Existing urban districts" means the Assembly districts of Wallaroo and Port Pirie as existing at the commencement of this Act:

"Existing country district" means any other Assembly district existing at the commencement of this Act:

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“Number of electors” means the number of electors at the time when the proposed redivision is made :

“Proposed metropolitan district” means any proposed Assembly district the whole or the greater part of which is within the area comprised by the existing metropolitan districts :

“Proposed urban district” means any proposed Assembly district the whole or the greater part of which is within the area comprised by the existing urban districts :

“Proposed country district” means any other proposed Assembly district.

**Redivision.**

**3.** (1) For the purpose of proposing a redivision of the State into Electoral Districts for the election of members of the House of Assembly and of the Legislative Council the Governor may appoint an Electoral Commission consisting of three members, and shall appoint one member to be chairman.

(2) The Commission shall be deemed to be a Royal Commission under the Royal Commissions Act, 1917, and that Act shall apply to all its proceedings.

**Directions for redivision into Assembly districts.**

**4.** (1) The Commission shall, in its report, recommend the number of Assembly districts, the boundaries of each district and the number of members for each district.

(2) Subject to section 5 the redivision shall be made so that the normal quota of electors for each member representing an Assembly district shall be as follows :—

(a) in a proposed metropolitan district, the number arrived at by dividing the total number of electors in all the existing metropolitan districts by the total number of members representing those districts :

(b) in a proposed urban district, twice the number arrived at by dividing the total number of electors in both the existing urban districts by the number of members representing those districts :

(c) in a proposed country district, the number arrived at by dividing the total number of electors in all the existing country districts by the total number of members representing those districts.

(3) The number of members for every district shall be not less than two nor more than three.

(4) The Commission may in any case where it is necessary to do so depart from the normal quota to any extent not exceeding ten per centum more or ten per centum less.

**Reduction of Assembly members.**

**5.** The Commission may propose a reduction in the number of Assembly members and for that purpose may adopt an increase in the

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the normal quotas of electors for all Assembly districts. The increase shall be at the same rate per centum in respect of all quotas and shall not exceed twenty per centum.

6. In making any proposed redivision the Commission shall consider— Matters to considered.

- (a) community or diversity of interest :
- (b) means of communication :
- (c) physical features :
- (d) boundaries of existing Assembly districts and subdivisions.

7. The Commission shall also redivide the State into five Council districts. Each Council district shall consist of two or more whole Assembly districts. Redivision of Council districts.

8. The Commission shall forward to the Minister its report upon the proposed redivision and its other recommendations together with a map signed by the Commissioners showing the name and boundaries of each proposed electoral district. Report of Commission.

9. The report and map shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within seven days after its receipt by the Minister, if Parliament is then sitting, and if Parliament is not then sitting, within seven days after the next meeting of Parliament. Duty to lay report before Parliament.

10. (1) If either House of Parliament passes a resolution disapproving of any proposed redivision or negatives a motion for the approval of any proposed redivision the Governor may direct the Commission to propose another redivision, and the Commission shall thereupon reconsider the matter forthwith and propose a further redivision. Reconsideration of proposal.

(2) The report upon a further redivision shall be dealt with in the same way as the original report on the redivision.

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

A. HORE-RUTHVEN, Governor.