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An Act to amend the Election of Senators Act, 1903.

[Assented to 15 November 1984]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Election of Senators Act Amendment Act, 1984". Short title.

(2) The Election of Senators Act, 1903, is in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

(b) fix the date for the close of the electoral rolls;

(ba) fix the date for the nomination of candidates;;

(b) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsections:

(1a) The writ shall be deemed to have been issued at the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which the writ was issued.

(1b) The writ shall be dated as of the day of its issue and the dates fixed under subsection (1) shall be specified in the writ.

(1c) The date fixed for the close of the electoral rolls shall be seven days after the date of the writ.

(1d) Subject to subsection (1e), the date fixed for the nomination of the candidates shall not be less than eleven days nor more than twenty-eight days after the date of the writ.

(1e) Where a candidate for an election dies, after being nominated and before twelve o'clock noon on the day fixed by the writ as the date of nomination for the election, the

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day fixed as the date of nomination for the election shall, except for the purposes of subsection (1f), be taken to be the day next succeeding the day so fixed.

(1f) The date fixed for the polling shall not be less than twenty-two days nor more than thirty days after the date of nomination.

(1g) The day fixed for the polling shall be a Saturday.

(1h) The date fixed for the return of the writ shall not be more than ninety days after the issue of the writ;

and

(c) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsections:

(2a) The office of the Australian Electoral Officer for this State shall be the place of nomination for the election.

(2b) The poll shall be open at eight o'clock in the morning, and shall not close until all electors present in the polling booth at six o'clock in the afternoon, and desiring to vote, have voted.

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3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after its present contents (now to be designated as subsection (1)) the following subsections:

(2) Any provisions made under subsection (1) shall be valid and sufficient and any date provided for under that subsection in lieu of a date fixed and specified in the writ under section 2 shall be deemed to be the date so fixed and specified.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no polling day shall be postponed under this section at any time later than seven days before the time originally appointed.

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

D. B. DUNSTAN, Governor