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An Act to enable the Minister of Agriculture to hold a ballot on a wheat price stabilization scheme.

[Assented to 17th December, 1953.]

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Wheat Price Stabilization Scheme Ballot Act, 1953."

Provisions as to holding of ballot.

2. (1) If proposals for the stabilization of the price of wheat are agreed to by the Governments of the Commonwealth and all the States of Australia, the Minister of Agriculture shall direct that a ballot of wheatgrowers be held for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are or are not in favour of the proposals.

(2) The Returning Officer for the State shall conduct the ballot under this Act as soon as practicable after receiving from the Minister of Agriculture a direction to do so.

(3) Every wheatgrower who delivered wheat to the Australian Wheat Board in the season 1951-1952 or 1952-1953, and whose name is on the list prepared by the Minister under the next following subsection shall be entitled to one vote at the ballot.

(4) The Minister of Agriculture shall prepare and supply to the Returning Officer for the State a list containing the

names of all persons who to the best of his knowledge and information delivered wheat to the Australian Wheat Board as mentioned in subsection (3) of this section.

(5) The ballot shall be conducted by postal voting.

(6) The ballot paper shall be in the form fixed by the Commonwealth Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, and shall have printed thereon or attached thereto a short summary of the proposals on which the ballot is to be taken.

(7) A wheatgrower shall indicate his vote in the following manner:—

(a) if he approves of the proposals for the stabilization of the price of wheat—by placing a cross in the square opposite the word “Yes”:

(b) if he does not approve of the said proposals—by placing a cross in the square opposite the word “No”.

(8) Subject to this Act the ballot shall be conducted in such manner as the Returning Officer for the State deems proper.

(9) The Returning Officer for the State shall certify the result of the ballot and his certificate shall be published in the *Gazette*.

3. The money required to meet the expenses of holding a ballot under this Act shall be paid out of the General Revenue of the State and the necessary amount of that Revenue is hereby appropriated for the purpose.

Financial
provision.

4. The Governor may make regulations prescribing any matters which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying this Act into effect and may by any regulations provide for compulsory voting at the ballot and prescribe penalties recoverable summarily and not exceeding a fine of fifty pounds for breach of any regulation.

Regulations.

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

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.