



ELECTORAL AMENDMENT

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No. 39 of 1979
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AN ACT to amend the Electoral Act 1907.

[Royal Assent 21 November 1979]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Amendment Act 1979*. Short title.

Principal
Act.

2—In this Act, the *Electoral Act 1907** is referred to as the Principal Act.

3—Section 101B of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:—

Printing of
Assembly
ballot-papers.

101B—The ballot-papers to be used in an Assembly election shall, in respect of each Assembly division, be prepared and printed in batches to allow for the rotation of names as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

4—Section 102 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:—

Printing of
Council
ballot-papers.

102—The ballot-papers to be used in a Council election shall, in respect of each Council division, be prepared and printed in batches to allow for the rotation of names as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

New Fifth
Schedule.

5—The Principal Act is amended by adding after the Fourth Schedule the following Schedule:—

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Sections 101B and 102)

PART I

INTERPRETATION

Interpretation.

In this Schedule, unless the contrary intention appears—

“batch” means each part of the total printing in which the vertical positions of the candidates’ names in relation to one another in a particular column are constant;

“batch time” means the number of ballot-papers in which that candidate’s name is placed in a particular set position (either preferred or secondary) within a column;

“preferred position” means a position in a column identified as a preferred position in the table in Part II;

“secondary position” means a position in a column which is not a preferred position;

“total printing” means the normal full complement of ballot-papers for one division including any provision for spares deemed necessary by the Chief Electoral Officer.

* 7 Edw. VII No. 6. For this Act, as amended to 1959, see the Reprint of Statutes (1826-1959), Vol. 2, p. 279. Subsequently amended by No. 41 of 1961, No. 55 of 1965, No. 65 of 1967, No. 69 of 1968, No. 26 of 1971, Nos. 19 and 75 of 1973, No. 66 of 1974, and No. 112 of 1976.

PART II

ROTATION OF NAMES

Number of names in column	Preferred positions (reading from top of column)	Secondary positions
2	Nil (Each candidate has equal batch time in each position)	Nil
3	Nil (Each candidate has equal batch time in each position)	Nil
4	1 and 4	2 and 3
5	1, 3, and 5	2 and 4
6	1, 2, 5, and 6	3 and 4
7	1, 2, 6, and 7	3, 4, and 5
8	1, 2, 7, and 8	3, 4, 5, and 6
9	1, 2, 8, and 9	3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
10 or more	1, 2, 3, and the last three places in the column	All other positions

Provisions applicable to all vertical rotation:—

1. There shall be as many batches for each column as there are names in that column.
2. Each candidate shall have, as nearly as practicable, batch time in each preferred position equal to the batch time of each other candidate in that column in that position.
3. Each candidate shall have, as nearly as practicable, equal batch time with other candidates in the same column in the secondary positions of that column, but no account shall be taken of places within those secondary positions.
4. In columns of 4 names or more no candidate's name shall appear immediately above the names of a particular other candidate in more than one batch where both names are in preferred positions.
5. For the printing of the first batch the names in each column shall be listed in alphabetical sequence.
6. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the printing order for subsequent batches shall be as prescribed by regulations.

