

Electoral (Improving Representation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

Amendments during consideration in detail to be moved by
The Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister
for Training and Skills

1 Clause 6 (Amendment of s 2 (Definitions))

Page 5, after line 12—

insert—

- (1A) Section 2, definition *exhausted ballot paper*—
omit.

2 Clause 6 (Amendment of s 2 (Definitions))

Page 5, after line 22—

insert—

- (4) Section 2, definition *first preference vote*, ‘or a tick or cross’—
omit.

3 After clause 13

Page 9, after line 12—

insert—

13A Amendment of s 102 (Supply of ballot papers and electoral rolls)

Section 102(3), second dot point—

omit, insert—

- Indicate your preference for all the other candidates by numbering the other squares in your preferred order.

13B Amendment of s 122 (How electors must vote)

- (1) Section 122(1)(b)—

omit, insert—

(b) otherwise—subsections (2) and (3).

(2) Section 122(2) and (3)—

omit, insert—

(2) An elector must vote by writing on a ballot paper—

(a) the number 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector votes as the elector's first preference; and

(b) the numbers 2, 3 and so on in the squares opposite the names of all the other candidates to indicate the order of the elector's preferences for them.

(3) The numbers mentioned in subsection (2)(b) must be consecutive numbers, without the repetition of a number.

13C Amendment of s 123 (Formal and informal ballot papers)

(1) Section 123(1)(a), 'intended preference or'—

omit.

(2) Section 123(2)—

omit, insert—

(2) A ballot paper is taken to contain writing or marks that indicate the voter's intended order of preferences, even though the square opposite the name of 1 of the candidates has been left blank, if—

(a) the voter has written the numbers 1, 2, 3 and so on in all the squares opposite the candidates' names except for the blank square; and

(b) the numbers mentioned in paragraph (a) are consecutive numbers, without the repetition of a number.

(2A) A ballot paper mentioned in subsection (2) is taken to indicate that the candidate whose name is opposite the blank square is the voter's last preference.

13D Amendment of s 128 (Official counting of votes)

(1) Section 128(7)(b) and (9)(b), 'that is not exhausted'—

omit.

(2) Section 128(11), from 'transferring' to 'exhausted'—

omit, insert—

transferring a ballot paper to a continuing candidate

13E Amendment of s 183 (Lodging how-to-vote cards)

Section 183—

insert—

(3A) The reference in subsection (3)(b) to voting under this Act includes voting in the way required under section 122.

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