



Electoral (Vacancies) Amendment Act 2003

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Electoral (Vacancies) Amendment Act 2003.
- (2) In this Act, the Electoral Act 1993 is called “the principal Act”.

Part 1

Preliminary provisions

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Expiry

This Act expires with the close of polling day for the first general election held after the date on which this Act comes into force.

Part 2

Change to vacancy rules

- 4 Section 55(1)(b) and (c) of principal Act not to apply**
Section 55(1)(b) and (c) of the principal Act do not apply to any member of Parliament.
- 5 Retrospective effect of change to vacancy rules made by section 4**
For all purposes, the question of whether the seat of a member of Parliament became vacant before the commencement of this Act must be determined as if section 4 of this Act had come into force on 14 August 2002.
- 6 Additional ground of vacancy**
Section 55(1) of the principal Act must be read as if, after paragraph (d), the following paragraph were inserted:
“(da) if he or she (being a person who is a New Zealand citizen) ceases to be a New Zealand citizen; or”

Legislative history

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| 6 August 2003 | Introduction, first reading, second reading, committee of the whole House, third reading (Bill 73–1) |
| 7 August 2003 | Royal assent |

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.
