

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 9th Day of August, 1934.

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.

Right Hon. Mr. FORBES, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

3. (1) In lieu of voting in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and thirty-seven of the principal Act, any voter who is blind or is unable to read or write may, if he so desires, vote in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Voting by
blind or illiterate
voters.

See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. VI, pp. 524,
538

(2) At the request of any such voter who has received a ballot-paper he may be accompanied into one of the inner compartments reserved for the marking of ballot-papers by any person who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this section to assist such voter in the marking of his ballot-paper, and the ballot-paper shall be there marked by the voter with the assistance of his companion or may be marked by the companion in accordance with the instructions of the voter.

(3) No person shall be qualified under this section to assist more than two voters to mark their ballot-papers at any election, and no person shall be qualified to assist any voter as aforesaid unless he is registered as an elector, whether of the same or of some other district.

(4) Before any person is allowed to assist a person to vote in accordance with this section he shall be required to satisfy the Deputy Returning Officer that he is registered as an elector and that he has not already assisted more than one voter to vote at the election.

(5) If any person who assists a voter to vote in accordance with this section communicates at any time to any person any information obtained in the polling-booth as to the candidate for whom the voter is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot-paper given to the voter, he shall be liable to the same penalty as if he had committed an offence against section one hundred and sixty-six of the principal Act.