

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 1 October 1980

## ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL

*Proposed Amendments*

HON. MR McLAY, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 2:* To omit subclause (1).

To add to the definition of the term "electoral roll" in lines 21 to 24 on page 2 the words "(including the forms deemed by section 41B (5) or section 43A (4) (a) of this Act to be applications for registration for the purposes of this definition)".

*Clause 12:* To insert in line 27 on page 11, after the word "deemed", the words ", for the purposes of the definition of the term 'electoral roll' in section 2 (1) of this Act and for the purposes of sections 56 and 60B of this Act,".

*Clause 15:* To insert in line 41 on page 14, after the word "deemed", the words ", for the purposes of the definition of the term 'electoral roll' in section 2 (1) of this Act and for the purposes of section 60B of this Act,".

*Clause 19:* To omit section 56 (all the words in lines 39 to 42 on page 16), and substitute the following section:

"56. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Registrar shall, not later than 14 days after the registration of a person, deliver to that person personally, or send to him by post, notice in writing of his having been so registered.

"(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply where—

"(a) An inquiry in the form prescribed for the purposes of section 43A of this Act is to be sent to the elector within one month after the date of his registration; or

"(b) The registration is effected on the basis of a form to which section 43A (4) (a) of this Act applies."

*Clause 19A:* To insert, after line 2 on page 17, the following subclause:

(1) Section 57 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:

"(aa) The name of every person who, consequent on a change in his place of residence,—

“(i) Is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the district; and

“(ii) Resides in, and is registered as an elector of, another district.”.

To omit from the beginning of line 3 on page 17 the expression “(1)”, and substitute the expression “(2)”.

To omit from line 14 on page 17 the expression “(2)”, and substitute the expression “(3)”.

*Clause 23:* To omit from line 25 on page 21 the word “purchase”, and substitute the words “on paying the prescribed fee obtain”.

To add to the new section 60c the following subsection:

“(4) Regulations made under section 188 of this Act may provide for any fee payable under subsection (3) of this section to be reduced where the copy of the index is required for any purpose related to an election or poll.”

*Clause 28:* To add to the new section 64 (as inserted by subclause (1)) the following subsection:

“(7) Regulations made under section 188 of this Act—

“(a) May prescribe a scale of fees for the purposes of subsection (5) or subsection (6) of this section; and

“(b) May provide for any fee payable under subsection (5) of this section to be reduced where the copy of the roll is required for any purpose related to an election or poll.

*Clause 31A:* To insert, after subsection (1) of the new section 127A, the following subsection:

“(1A) Nothing in subsection (1) (b) of this section shall apply to ribbons, streamers, or rosettes which are worn or displayed by any person (whether on his person or on any vehicle) in his party's colours or to a party lapel badge worn by any person.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clauses 2, 12, 15, and 19:* The amendments proposed to these clauses ensure that it is not necessary, as part of the roll revision procedure, for the Registrar of Electors to deliver notice of registration to each elector following the receipt of his completed roll revision card.

The amendment to *clause 19* provides, in addition, that it is not necessary to deliver notice of registration to an elector if a roll revision card is to be sent to that elector within one month of his registration.

*Clause 19A:* The proposed amendment authorises the Registrar of Electors to remove from the roll the name of any person who, following a change in his place of residence,—

- (a) Is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the district; and
- (b) Resides in, and is registered as an elector of, another district.

*Clause 23:* The proposed amendment requires the prescribing by regulations of the fee to be paid for the purchase of a copy of a habitation index. As with copies of the electoral rolls, the regulations may provide for the reduction of the fee where the copy of the index is required for any purpose related to an election or poll.

*Clause 28:* The new section 64 repeats the existing provision providing for any person to obtain, on paying the prescribed fee, copies of the main roll and the supplementary rolls.

Provision is also made for any candidate or any person acting on behalf of a political party to obtain for the purposes of the candidate or the political party (but not for resale or commercial purposes) a computer tape containing the names, residences, and occupations of electors of an electoral district.

The costs of supplying the rolls and tapes may vary considerably depending on the number of copies required and the order and occasions on which the master tapes are required to be run.

The amendments now proposed—

- (a) Provide for the prescribing of a scale of fees so that regard may be had to the different costs involved;
- (b) Ensure that fees charged under section 64 (5) for copies of the main rolls and supplementary rolls may be reduced where the copies are required for any purpose related to an election or poll.

*Clause 31A:* The proposed amendment is designed to ensure that the new *section 127A* is consistent with the new *section 127 (2)* (as set out in *clause 31 (2)*).

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