

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, the 30th Day of September 1970

LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendments

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

Clause 6, new section 64Q: To omit this section, and substitute the following section:

“64Q. **Hours of voting**—The hours of voting at any election conducted over consecutive days shall be as follows:

“(a) On any day other than a Saturday, the voting shall be conducted over 9 consecutive hours commencing at such hour and ending at such hour, being not later than 7 p.m., as the local authority, by resolution, determines:

“Provided that the local authority may, by resolution, fix a longer period of voting for any one of those days closing not later than 9 p.m., and different days may be fixed under this proviso in respect of different polling places:

“(b) On a Saturday, the voting shall commence at 9 a.m. and end at 7 p.m.

Clause 6, new section 64w: To omit from subsection (1) the words “including the last day of the polling period, but no other day, in the case of an election or poll conducted over consecutive days, but not including” in lines 39 and 40 on page 12 and line 1 on page 13, and substitute the words “not being”.

To add the following subsection:

“(4) Where any mobile polling booth is used at an election or poll held under Part IIB of this Act, and is not used solely on the last day of the polling period, the provisions of section 64P of this Act (including the Fifth Schedule to this Act) and of section 64s of this Act, as far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications shall apply with respect to that mobile polling booth.

Clause 6, new section 64Y: To add the following additional proviso:

“Provided also that where a mobile polling booth is being used at an election conducted pursuant to Part IIB of this Act, it shall be open for voting at such times and at such places within the hours specified in or fixed pursuant to section 64Q of this Act as the Returning Officer determines.

Clause 6, new section 64ZB: To insert, after the words “on polling day” in line 5 on page 14, the words “, or, in the case of an election conducted pursuant to Part IIB of this Act, at any time within the hours specified in or fixed pursuant to section 64Q of this Act,”.

Clause 6, new section 64ZC: To insert, after the words “close of voting” in line 11 on page 14, the words “or, in the case of an election conducted pursuant to Part IIB of this Act, the close of voting on the last day of the polling period,”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 6, section 64Q: The proposed new *section 64Q* will enable the local authority, in the case of an election or poll held over consecutive days, to fix the hours of the opening and closing of voting on each day except a Saturday, so long as voting is conducted over 9 consecutive hours and closes not later than 7 p.m. In the case of any one of those days, the local authority may fix a longer polling period, which must end not later than 9 p.m.

Clause 6, section 64W: The effect of the amendments to this section is to allow mobile polling booths to be used over the whole period where an election or poll is held over consecutive days, and not on the last day only.

Clause 6, sections 64Y, 64ZB, and 64ZC: Those amendments are consequential on the proposed amendments to *section 64W* referred to above.