

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

**Electoral (Disqualification of Sentenced Prisoners)
Amendment Bill**

Proposed amendment

Paul Quinn, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 6

To add the following clause (after line 24 on page 2):

6 Existing status under section 80(1)(d) of principal Act not affected

To avoid doubt,—

- (a) a person who is disqualified for registration as an elector by section 80(1)(d) of the principal Act immediately before the commencement of this Act continues to be disqualified for registration as an elector as if this Act had not been enacted; and
- (b) a person who is not disqualified for registration as an elector by section 80(1)(d) of the principal Act immediately before the commencement of this Act is not disqualified for registration as an elector by that section (as substituted) immediately after the commencement of this Act on the ground of an existing sentence of imprisonment; and
- (c) section 4 of this Act does not override section 17 of the Interpretation Act 1999.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper clarifies that there is no change in the law for—

- those persons currently detained in prison and disqualified for registration as electors; and
 - those persons currently detained in prison and not disqualified for registration as electors.
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