



Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Method of Voting) Bill 1995

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.*

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to ensure that a voter records a valid first preference vote (in a Legislative Assembly election) if the voter places a tick or a cross in one voting square and has not marked any other voting square. A tick or a cross is considered sufficient by itself to indicate a first preference. A tick or a cross is at present a valid method of voting in Legislative Council elections.

The Bill also restores the principle that a ballot-paper is valid if a tick is placed in one voting square and crosses or lines are placed in or through the other voting squares.

* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will commence on the date of assent.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*.

Schedule 1 contains the amendments to give effect to the objects stated above.