

Act No. 1, 1903.

PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS
(AMENDMENT).

An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights ; for their voting at the polls ; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902. [*Reserved—6th January, 1903.*]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1902," and shall be construed as one with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, hereinafter in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Lists

*Parliamentary Elections (Amendment).**Lists and rolls for women.*

2. Any electoral lists of women made or being made at the commencement of this Act by the police shall be printed by the Government Printer in the form of a general list for each district, and for each division of each district. Any such list shall be called the supplementary general list for the district or division, as the case may be.

Making out lists for districts and divisions.

The chief electoral officer shall, within sixty days after the commencement of this Act, cause a sufficient number of copies of the list for each district, and two copies of the list for each division of the district, to be forwarded to the registrar for the district.

3. The registrar shall forthwith on receipt of such copies transmit one copy of the list for the district to each court-house, police office, and post-office within the district, to be exhibited for public inspection until the lists for the divisions of such district are revised, and shall transmit two copies of the list for each division to the clerk of the revision court for the division at least five clear days before the holding of such court.

Transmission of lists for publication and revision.

4. (1) Before or on the prescribed day, any person whose name is not on a list for a division, but who claims to be entitled to have her name inserted therein, may, by notice in the form of Schedule One sent by post to the clerk of the revision court for the division, claim to have her name so inserted; and any person who wilfully certifies to any particular in any such claim which he knows to be untrue shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

Claims to insert names in list.

Schedule One.

(2) Before or on the prescribed day, any person whose name is on the list may, by notice in the prescribed form sent by post to the clerk of the revision court for the division, object to the name of any other person being retained on such list.

Objections.

(3) Public notices of such claims and objections shall be exhibited at all courts of petty sessions, police offices, and post offices within the district, and shall be kept so exhibited until the list is revised.

Publication of claims and objections.

5. (1) The list for each division shall be revised by a revision court to be held at such place and by such stipendiary or police magistrate as may be notified by the Governor in the Gazette. And the clerk of the revision court shall notify in some newspaper circulating in the division the time and place for the holding of the court, and shall produce the list and any claims and objections sent to him.

Appointment of revision courts.

(2) The provisions of subsections (III) and (IV) of section forty-one and of subsections (II) and (III) of section forty-two and subsections (I), (IV), and (V) of section forty-three of the Principal Act (so far as those provisions are applicable and consistent with this Act) shall apply to any such list, and the revision, signing, and certifying of the same.

(3)

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment).

(3) Where a claim has been duly made and certified in accordance with this Act to insert the name of any person in any such list, such name may be so inserted by the revision court, although the said person does not attend the court, and no evidence other than the certificate is produced to the court in support of such claim.

Preparation of supplementary general rolls.

6. (1) The list for a division, on being so signed and certified, shall be forthwith delivered to the registrar of the district of which such division forms part, and such registrar upon receiving the revised lists for the several divisions of his district shall forthwith transmit them to the chief electoral officer, who shall from such lists cause a roll for the district to be prepared and printed and dealt with in accordance with the Principal Act. Such roll shall be called the supplementary general roll, and shall form part of the general roll, but may be printed separate from the general roll.

Delivery of electors' rights.

7. (1) As soon as practicable an elector's right shall be prepared for each person enrolled in pursuance of this Act, and the Colonial Secretary shall cause such right to be delivered personally to the elector entitled thereto.

Form of electors' rights.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every such elector's right shall be prepared in accordance with, and in all other respects shall be in accordance with, the requirements of the Principal Act, relating to electors' rights:

Provided that instead of an elector's right (issued in pursuance of this Act) being signed by the registrar, the chief electoral officer shall sign it or cause a fac-simile of his signature to be affixed to it.

Butts.

(3) The person delivering an elector's right in pursuance of this section shall detach the butt from the elector's right when the receipt thereon has been signed or marked by the elector, and shall transmit the same to the registrar for the district to which it relates, who shall retain the same in his custody.

Separate lists and rolls for women.

8. Where in pursuance of the Principal Act a general list or a general roll for a division or district is authorised to be prepared and printed, the names of any women entitled to be placed on such list or roll may be placed on the supplementary general list or roll for the division or district, as the case may be. Such supplementary general list or roll shall form part of the general list or roll.

The chief electoral officer may transfer to the supplementary general roll for any district the names of any women on the general roll for the said district.

Amendments of Principal Act.

Amendment of section 33.

9. In section thirty-three of the Principal Act the word "July" is substituted for the word "April" in that section.

10.

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment).

10. In section thirty-eight of the Principal Act, subsection (6), is repealed, and the following is substituted in its place: "The registrar may object to the name of any person when entered upon the list to be made as herein provided, by giving notice to such person as required in other cases; and no costs shall be awarded by any revision court against any registrar in respect of such objection in any case whatsoever."

Amendment of section 38 (6).

11. In section forty-two of the Principal Act subsection (1) is amended by omitting the words "and newspapers containing lists of the names of persons objected to."

Amendment of section 42 (1).

12. In section forty-six of the Principal Act, subsection (1), is repealed, and the following is substituted in its place:—"When an elector's right is issued under section twenty-six of that Act, or having been issued under section twenty-eight, the name of the elector does not appear upon the roll in force for the original district, the registrar shall forthwith enter upon a list to be kept by him, and to be called the provisional list, the name of the person to whom the same is issued, and the prescribed particulars from the butt of the elector's right."

Amendment of section 46 (1).

13. The Third and Fifth Schedules to the Principal Act are amended by substituting the word "list" for the word "roll" in the first column of those Schedules respectively.

Amendment of Third and Fifth Schedules.

SCHEDULE ONE.

Notice of claim.

To the clerk of the revision court for the _____ division of the electoral district of _____ .
 I, _____, of _____, a _____, do hereby give notice that I claim to be entitled to have my name enrolled on the roll for the said district, being of the full age of twenty-one years, a natural-born [naturalised] British subject, having resided or had my principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year [since my naturalisation] and immediately prior to the date of this claim for enrolment, and having resided or had my principal place of abode in the abovenamed district for a continuous period of three months immediately prior to the date of this claim, and being now a resident of the said district.

Name in full; address; occupation.
 If natural-born, strike out the words "naturalised" and "since my naturalisation"; if naturalised, strike out the words "natural-born."

Signature of claimant.

Certificate.

I certify that the particulars as given in the above claim are true.

(Signature.)
 (Qualification.)

To be certified to by a justice of the peace, clerk of petty sessions, member of police force, postmaster, public school teacher, or officer appointed to issue electors rights.