

Electoral Funding Amendment Act 2023 No 55

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Act No 55, 2023

An Act to amend the *Electoral Funding Act 2018* to increase the cap on electoral expenditure by third-party campaigners for State election campaigns and make other amendments relating to third-party campaigners. [Assented to 12 December 2023]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Electoral Funding Amendment Act 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Electoral Funding Act 2018 No 20

[1] Section 29 Applicable caps on electoral expenditure for State election campaigns Omit "\$20,000" in section 29(11). Insert instead "\$180,720".

[2] Section 29(12)(b)

Omit the paragraph. Insert instead—

- (b) in the case of a third-party campaigner—
 - (i) for State general elections—\$30,400 in relation to each electoral district, or
 - (ii) for by-elections in more than one electoral district—\$180,720 in relation to each electoral district.

[3] Section 158

Insert after section 157—

158 Review of provisions of Act relating to caps on electoral expenditure for election campaigns

- (1) The Electoral Commissioner must review Part 3, Division 4 to determine whether—
 - (a) the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and
 - (b) the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing the objectives.
- (2) The review must be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 1 year after the first general election after the commencement of this section.
- (3) A report on the outcome of the review must be given to the Minister within 12 months after the end of the 1-year period.
- (4) The Minister must on the first sitting day after receiving the report cause it to be tabled in each House of Parliament.

[Second reading speech made in-

Legislative Council on 3 August 2023

Legislative Assembly on 29 November 2023]