

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

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# A BILL

For the constitution of a convention to formulate a scheme relating to the local government of the city of Sydney and certain municipalities; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

**B**E 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.*

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Greater Sydney Convention Act, 1910." Short title.

*Constitution of convention.*

**2.** There shall be a convention established under and for the purposes of this Act. Convention to be established.

**3.**

*Greater Sydney Convention.*

**3.** Such convention shall be charged with the duty of formulating a scheme for the constitution of a central body to exercise general or specific powers of local government within the city of Sydney and such of the municipalities mentioned in the Schedule to this Act as may be mentioned in such scheme. Duty of convention.

**4.** Each of the wards of the city of Sydney, and each of the municipalities mentioned in the said Schedule, shall be entitled to be represented by a member or members of the convention, to be elected in pursuance of this Act. Representation on convention.

**5.** The number of such members for any such ward or municipality shall be determined by the Secretary for Public Works approximately according to population, the quota being thousand, with an allowance of not more than hundred to be added to or deducted from such quota. Any such determination of the said Secretary shall be notified in the Gazette, and shall be conclusive. Number of members for ward or municipality.

**6.** The qualifications of candidates and of electors respectively at elections of members of the convention shall be the same as those of candidates and of electors at elections of aldermen for any such ward or municipality, as the case may be. Qualifications of candidates and electors.

**7.** Elections of members of the convention shall be held on a day or on separate days to be fixed by the Secretary for Public Works by notification in the Gazette. Date of election.

**8.** If any vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise occurs among the members elected for any such ward or municipality, an election therein to fill such vacancy shall be held on a day to be fixed by the said Secretary. Extraordinary vacancies.

**9.** Any election under this Act shall, except where otherwise provided by the regulations, be conducted in the same manner as an election of aldermen for the ward or municipality, as the case may be, under the law applicable thereto. Where a municipality is divided into wards, the election shall be for the whole municipality as one electorate. Conduct of elections.

The returning officer shall, on or before a day to be fixed by the Secretary for Public Works, notify the result of an election to the said Secretary.

*Meeting of convention.*

**10.** When the elections of members have been held, the Secretary for Public Works shall convene a meeting of the convention at such time and place as he thinks desirable. Meeting of convention.

**11.** The convention may make rules for procedure at its meetings, and until such rules are made, and so far as they do not extend, the by-laws of the city of Sydney relating to the procedure at meetings of its council, shall, so far as applicable, apply, mutatis mutandis, to the meetings of the convention. Rules for procedure.

**12.**

*Greater Sydney Convention.*

**12.** The convention shall at its first meeting, before proceeding to the despatch of any other business, elect a member of the convention to be the president thereof. Election of president.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the vacancy shall forthwith be filled by a fresh election by the convention.

**13.** In the case of the absence of the president, the convention may choose some other person to perform his duties during such absence. Absence of president.

**14.** The presence, exclusive of the president, of at least one-half in number of the members of the convention shall be necessary to constitute a meeting for the transaction of business. Quorum.

**15.** The convention may appoint committees of its members which shall report to the convention. Committees.

**16.** Any question arising in the convention shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, other than the president; and where on any division the votes are equal, but not otherwise, the president shall have a vote, and his vote shall decide the question. Decision of questions by convention.

**17.** Any scheme adopted in pursuance of this Act by the convention shall be reduced to writing by the president and forwarded to the Secretary for Public Works. Scheme to be reduced to writing.

Any interim decisions of the convention may from time to time be forwarded in like manner to the said Secretary.

*General provisions.*

**18.** The Governor, by proclamation, may at any time dissolve the convention. Dissolution of convention.

**19.** The Governor may make regulations relating to the election of members of the convention, and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act. Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette, and laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay. Regulations.

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SCHEDULE.