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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1926.

A BILL

To make provision regarding the Election of Councillors of the College for Women within the University of Sydney; to validate certain appointments of Councillors; to amend the Women's College Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Women's College Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1926," and shall be read and construed with the Women's College Act, 1902.

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2. The Women's College Act, 1902, is amended— Amendment of Act No. 71, 1902.

(a) by omitting sections six and seven and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new sections:— Secs. 6 and 7.

6. (1) Elections for the appointment of elective councillors shall be held in November of each alternate year. Elective councillors.

(2) Elective councillors shall hold office for four years from the first day of January next after their election, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) The persons qualified to vote at an election of elective councillors shall be such members of the college as are graduates of the University and of the full age of twenty-one years and who continue on the books of the college, and the councillors remaining in office.

(4) Elections for the appointment of elective councillors shall be conducted and the votes shall be recorded in such manner as the council may by by-laws prescribe.

7. A casual vacancy in the office of an elective councillor arising from death, resignation, or other cause specified in the rules and by-laws of the council shall be filled by the appointment by the remaining councillors of some person for the residue of the term of the councillor in whose office the vacancy arises. Casual vacancies.

(b) by omitting from section sixteen the words "to be by him laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as conveniently may be" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words:— Sec. 16.

"and shall—

- (a) be published in the Gazette;
- (b) take effect from the date of such publication or from a later date to be specified in the rules or by-laws;
- (c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen sitting days after publication if Parliament is in session, and

and if not, then within fourteen sitting days after the commencement of the next session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after the rules or by-laws have been laid before such House disallowing any rule or by-law or part thereof, such rule, by-law, or part thereof respectively shall thereupon cease to have effect."

3. (1) The elective councillors holding office at the commencement of this Act shall continue to hold office until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Special provisions as to present councillors and election of successors.

(2) An election of twelve elective councillors shall be held during the month of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of the twelve elective councillors then elected six (two of whom shall be women) shall retire at the end of the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) The council shall determine by lot which six councillors are then to retire. Such determination shall be made in the month of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(4) The remaining six councillors elected in November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, shall retire at the end of the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) This section shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of subsection two of section six of the Women's College Act, 1902, as inserted by this Act.

4. All elective councillors appointed before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been validly so appointed.

Validation.