

Electoral Amendment (Technology Assisted Voting at By-elections) Regulation 2024

under the

Electoral Act 2017

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following regulation under the *Electoral Act 2017*.

JOHN GRAHAM, MLC Special Minister of State

Explanatory note

The object of this regulation is to provide that technology assisted voting, other than telephone voting for electors who are blind or have low vision, is not to be used at a by-election held before the 2027 general election.

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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Electoral Amendment (Technology Assisted Voting at By-elections) Regulation 2024.*

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Electoral Regulation 2018

Clause 9

Insert after clause 8A—

9 Limitation of technology assisted voting at by-elections—the Act, s 161

- (1) Technology assisted voting under the Act, Part 7, Division 11, other than telephone voting by electors who are blind or have low vision, must not be used at a by-election held during the period after the commencement of this clause and before the 2027 general election.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), the Electoral Commissioner may, at any time, determine that telephone voting must not be used during a specified period during a by-election.
 - **Note—** The Act, section 162 also provides that the Electoral Commissioner may determine that technology assisted voting must not be used at a specified election.
- (3) A determination under subclause (2) must be in writing and published on the Electoral Commission's website.