

Referendum (Constitution Alteration) (No. 2)

No. 121 of 1965

An Act relating to the Manner of Voting at
Referendums in relation to Proposed Laws for the
alteration of the Constitution.

[Assented to 18 December, 1965]

[Date of commencement, 15 January, 1966]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the
Senate, and the House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution
Alteration) Act (No. 2) 1965*.

(2.) The *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1906–1936,* as amended by the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1965,† is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) Section 1 of the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1965 is amended by omitting sub-section (2.).

(4.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1906–1965.

2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“ 14. The voting at a referendum shall be by ballot and each elector shall indicate his vote—

Manner of voting.

- (a) if he approves the proposed law—by writing the word ‘ Yes ’ in the space provided on the ballot-paper; or
- (b) if he does not approve the proposed law—by writing the word ‘ No ’ in the space so provided.”.

3. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the second proviso from sub-section (1.).

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4. The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Forms C and D and inserting in their stead the following forms:—

The Schedule.

FORM C
BALLOT-PAPER
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act
State of *(here insert name of State)*

Submission to the Electors of a Proposed Law for the alteration of the Constitution.

DIRECTIONS:—Mark your vote on this ballot-paper as follows:—

If you APPROVE the proposed law, write the word Yes in the space provided opposite the question.

If you DO NOT APPROVE the proposed law, write the word No in the space provided opposite the question.

Do you approve the proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled *(here set out the title of the proposed law)*?



* Act No. 11, 1906, as amended by No. 20, 1909; No. 31, 1910; Nos. 17 and 35, 1912; No. 38, 1915; No. 14, 1919; No. 23, 1926; No. 42, 1928; and No. 61, 1936.

† Act No. 49, 1965.

FORM D
BALLOT-PAPERS
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act
State of *(here insert name of State)*

Submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution.

1. Proposed law entitled *(here set out the title of the proposed law)*.

DIRECTIONS:—Mark your vote on this ballot-paper as follows:—

If you APPROVE the proposed law, write the word Yes in the space provided opposite the question.

If you DO NOT APPROVE the proposed law, write the word No in the space provided opposite the question.

Do you approve the proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled *(here set out the title of the proposed law)*?

2. Proposed law entitled *(here set out the title of the proposed law)*.

DIRECTIONS:—Mark your vote on this ballot-paper as follows:—

If you APPROVE the proposed law, write the word Yes in the space provided opposite the question.

If you DO NOT APPROVE the proposed law, write the word No in the space provided opposite the question.

Do you approve the proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled *(here set out the title of the proposed law)*?