

# COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (REDISTRIBUTION) ACT 1977

No. 117 of 1977

An Act relating to the redistribution of the States into Electoral Divisions.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

- Short title            1. This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Electoral (Redistribution) Act 1977*.<sup>1</sup>
- Commence-            2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives  
ment                    the Royal Assent.<sup>1</sup>
- Interpret-            3. In this Act, “proposed redistribution”, in relation to a State,  
ation                    means—
- (a) in the case of the State of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia or Western Australia—the proposed redistribution of the State into Electoral Divisions for the purposes of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* as approved by resolutions of the House of Representatives and of the Senate on 27 October 1977, including the adoption of names of Electoral Divisions by those resolutions; and
  - (b) in the case of the State of Tasmania—the proposed redistribution of that State into Electoral Divisions for the purposes of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* as approved by resolutions of the House of Representatives and of the Senate on 11 October 1977, including the adoption of names of Electoral Divisions by those resolutions.
- Redistri-            4. (1) The Electoral Divisions for a State under the proposed redis-  
butions to            tribution of that State shall, by force of this Act, be the Electoral Div-  
have effect            isions for that State until altered in accordance with the *Commonwealth*  
by force of            *Electoral Act 1918*.
- this Act                (2) Where a Proclamation under sub-section 24 (1) of the *Common-  
wealth Electoral Act 1918* declaring the names and boundaries of the  
Electoral Divisions for a State under the proposed redistribution of that  
State has been published before the commencement of this Act, sub-  
section (1) shall be deemed to have had effect in relation to that State as  
from the date of publication of the Proclamation.

(3) Where a Proclamation under sub-section 24 (1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918 declaring the names and boundaries of the Electoral Divisions for a State under the proposed redistribution is published after the commencement of this Act, sub-section (1) shall have effect in relation to that State as from the date of publication of the Proclamation.

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**NOTE**

1. Act No. 117, 1977; assented to 7 November 1977.