

STATUTORY RULES.

1924. No. 69.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT 1918-1922, AND REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) ACT 1906-1919.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulation under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1922*, and *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1919*, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this thirtieth day of April, 1924.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
G. F. PEARCE,
Minister of State for Home and Territories.

AMENDMENT OF ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1919, No. 57, as amended to this date.)

Regulation 25 of the Electoral and Referendum Regulations is repealed, and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

"25. (1) In any prosecution in respect of any contravention of section 42 of the Act the prosecuting officer may lodge with the Court a statutory declaration in support of the charge, and it shall not then be necessary for him to attend at the hearing.

Declaration of prosecuting officer to be considered by Court.

(2) Where a statutory declaration has been lodged as provided by this regulation and the prosecuting officer is not present at the hearing, the Court shall proceed with the hearing and determination of the case in his absence, and shall consider the statutory declaration as if the matter set out therein had been given in evidence before it.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation any document purporting to be a statutory declaration shall be accepted as such by the Court without proof of the signatures thereon or proof of the authority of the person before whom it purports to have been made to take statutory declarations."