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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL 1926.

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2. line 10, after “ amended ” insert—

“(a) by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the words ‘ one hundred and forty-one ’ the words ‘ and section one hundred and ninety-four A ’ ; and

“(b) ”.

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 3, lines 16–23, omit all words after “ Act ”, insert—

“ shall not apply in relation to any Referendum held upon the proposed law intituled *Constitution Alteration (Industry and Commerce) 1926*, or upon the proposed law intituled *Constitution Alteration (Essential Services) 1926* ”.

No. 3.—Page 2, after clause 5, insert the following new clause :—

5A. Section nineteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (e) the words “ an Assistant Returning Officer ” and inserting in their stead the words “ an Assistant Presiding Officer ”.

Conduct of scrutiny.

No. 4.—Page 2, after clause 6, insert the following new clause :—

6A. After section twenty of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 20A.—(1.) If a scrutineer objects to a ballot-paper as being informal, the officer conducting the scrutiny shall mark the ballot-paper ‘ admitted ’ or ‘ rejected ’ according to his decision to admit or reject the ballot-paper.

Action on objection to ballot-papers.

“(2.) Nothing in this section shall prevent the officer conducting the scrutiny from rejecting any ballot-paper as being informal although it is not objected to.”.

No. 5.—Page 2, after clause 7, add the following new clause :—

8. Section thirty-three of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “ or on account of the absence or error of any officer which is not proved to have affected the result of the referendum ” and inserting in their stead the words “ or on account of the absence or error of or omission by any officer which did not affect the result of the referendum ” ; and

Immaterial errors not to vitiate referendum.

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :—

“ Provided that where any elector was, on account of the absence or error of or omission by any officer, prevented from voting on a referendum, the Court shall not, for the purpose of determining whether the absence or error of or omission by the officer did or did not affect the result of the referendum, admit any evidence of the way in which the elector intended to vote.”.

No. 6.—Page 2, after proposed new clause 8, add the following new clause :—

9. The Principal Act is amended by omitting the words and figures “ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1919* ” (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words and figures “ *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1925* ”.

Minor amendments of Principal Act.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Melbourne,  
16th June, 1926.

