

1926-27-28.

## A BILL

FOR

## AN ACT

To amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1926* and for other purposes.

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

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1928*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1926\** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1928*.

10 2. Section six A of the Principal Act shall not apply in relation to any Referendum held at the same time as the elections for the Senate and general elections for the House of Representatives next after the commencement of this Act. Non-application of section 6A.—pamphlets.

3. Section

\* Act No. 11, 1906, as amended by No. 20, 1909; No. 31, 1910; No. 17, 1912; No. 35, 1912; No. 33, 1915; No. 14, 1919; and No. 23, 1926.

Informal  
ballot-papers.

3. Section twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end of sub-section (1.) the following proviso:—

“Provided further that, in any case where the day fixed for the taking of the votes of the electors for the purposes of a referendum is the same as that fixed for the polling at an election, a ballot-paper shall not be informal by reason only of the fact that the voter has indicated his vote by placing the figure ‘1’ in one of the squares on the ballot-paper, but in that event the figure ‘1’ shall be deemed to be equivalent to a cross.” 5

Minor  
amendments in  
Principal Act.

4. The Principal Act is amended— 10

(a) by omitting the words and figures “*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1925*” (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words and figures “*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1928*”; and

(b) by omitting the words “sub-section (3.) of section one hundred and fifteen” (wherever occurring). 15