

THIS Bill originated in the House of Representatives; and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Senate for its concurrence.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th September, 1928.

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 a ballot-paper shall not be informal by reason only of the fact that the voter has indicated his vote by placing in one square the number 1 or a cross, and by leaving the other square blank, and in that case the cross shall be deemed to be equivalent to the figure 1.”

Minor
amendments in
Principal Act

4. The Principal Act is amended—

(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).

Marking of
vote on
ballot-paper.

5. Section fourteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “ by marking it on the ballot-paper in accordance with the directions thereon ”, and inserting in their stead the following words:—
“ in the following manner:—

(a) if he approves of the proposed law—by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the word “ Yes ”, and by placing the number 2 in the square opposite the word “ No ”; or

(b) if he does not approve of the proposed law—by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the word “ No ”, and by placing the number 2 in the square opposite the word “ Yes ”.

Amendment
of Forms
C and D in
Schedule.

6. The Schedule is amended by omitting from Forms C and D the following words:—

“ If he approves of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’;

If he does not approve of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’ ”;
and inserting in their stead the following words:—

“ If he approves of the proposed law he should place the number 1 in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’ and the number 2 in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’;

If he does not approve of the proposed law he should place the number 1 in the square opposite the word ‘ No ’ and the number 2 in the square opposite the word ‘ Yes ’.”