

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT 1918

ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1983 No. 313

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The Electoral and Referendum Regulations make provision for Commonwealth electoral administration.

On 26 January 1984 a number of amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, effected by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1981, will come into effect. On and from that date, Australian citizenship will be the basic nationality qualification for Commonwealth electoral enrolment and voting. British subjects who are not Australian citizens and who are on a Commonwealth electoral roll immediately before 26 January 1984 will have their franchise preserved under these amendments.

The purpose of the amending regulations is to bring the Electoral and Referendum Regulations into line with the amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

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