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2015

A Bill

for

***An Act to amend the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* and the
Electoral Act 1992 for particular purposes***

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

Clause 1 Short title 3

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral (Improving Representation) and Another Act Amendment Act 2015*. 4
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Clause 2 Commencement 6

(1) Part 2 commences immediately after the first 7
post-redistribution writ is issued. 8

(2) In this section— 9

2016 electoral redistribution means the first electoral 10
redistribution under the *Electoral Act 1992* that becomes final 11
under that Act after the commencement of part 3. 12

Note— 13

For electoral redistributions, see the *Electoral Act 1992*, part 3. 14

first post-redistribution writ means the writ for the general 15
election first issued under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 82 16
after the 2016 electoral redistribution has become final. 17

Part 2 Amendment of Constitution of Queensland 2001 18
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Clause 3 Act amended 20

This part amends the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*. 21

Clause 4	Amendment of s 11 (Number of members of Legislative Assembly)	1
	Section 11, ‘89’—	2
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	3
	93	4
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Part 3	Amendment of Electoral Act 1992	6
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Clause 5	Act amended	8
	This part amends the <i>Electoral Act 1992</i> .	9

Clause 6	Amendment of s 2 (Definitions)	10
	Section 2—	11
	<i>insert</i> —	12
	<i>bipartisan support</i> , of the parliamentary committee, means—	13
	(a) support of the members of the parliamentary committee unanimously; or	14
	(b) support of a majority of the members, other than a majority consisting wholly of members of the political party or parties in government in the Legislative Assembly.	15
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Clause 7	Amendment of s 3 (Average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts)	21
	Section 3(1), definition <i>average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts</i> , ‘89’—	22
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	23
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Clause 8	Amendment of s 6 (Establishment of Electoral Commission of Queensland etc.)	2 3
	(1) Section 6(6), from ‘be’—	4
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	5
	be a person with qualifications and experience in applied demography relevant to contemporary electoral redistributions.	6 7 8
	(2) Section 6(7)—	9
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	10
	(7) A person may be appointed as the chairperson or nonjudicial appointee only if the person’s appointment is made with the bipartisan support of the parliamentary committee.	11 12 13 14
Clause 9	Amendment of s 22 (Terms and conditions of appointment etc.)	15 16
	Section 22(2)—	17
	<i>insert—</i>	18
	(c) the person’s appointment is made with the bipartisan support of the parliamentary committee.	19 20 21
Clause 10	Amendment of s 34 (Number of electoral districts for the State)	22 23
	Section 34, ‘89’—	24
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	25
	93	26

Clause 11	Amendment of s 35 (Distribution, and redistribution, of State into electoral districts)	1
		2
	Section 35(3), ‘89’—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	93	5
Clause 12	Amendment of s 52 (When redistribution takes effect)	6
(1)	Section 52(1), after ‘subject to’—	7
	<i>insert—</i>	8
	subsection (3) and	9
(2)	Section 52(2), ‘The’—	10
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
	Subject to subsection (3), the	12
(3)	Section 52—	13
	<i>insert—</i>	14
	(3) For the 2016 electoral redistribution—	15
	(a) there is no increase in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly; and	16
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	(b) the electoral districts, as in existence before the redistribution, continue in force;	18
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	until the first post-redistribution writ is issued and any appeal under section 57(6) has been disposed of by the Court of Appeal.	20
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	(4) Subsection (3) has effect despite the <i>Constitution of Queensland 2001</i> , sections 12 and 13.	23
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	(5) In this section—	25
	2016 electoral redistribution means the first electoral redistribution that becomes final after the commencement of the <i>Electoral (Improving Representation) and Another Act Amendment Act 2015</i> , part 3.	26
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first post-redistribution writ means the writ for a 1
general election first issued after the 2016 2
electoral redistribution has become final. 3

Authorised by the Parliamentary Counsel