

# BROADCASTING.

No. 82 of 1954.

## An Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act* 1942-1953.

[Assented to 18th November, 1954.]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

- Short title and citation.** 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Broadcasting Act* 1954.  
(2.) The *Broadcasting Act* 1942-1953\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.  
(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Broadcasting Act* 1942-1954.
- Commencement.** 2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.
- Constitution of Board.** 3. Section six B of the Principal Act is amended—  
(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word “three” and inserting in its stead the word “five” ;  
(b) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section :—  
“(1A.) Two of the members shall be appointed as part-time members.” ;  
(c) by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word “members” , the words “, not being a part-time member,” ;

\* Act No. 33, 1942, as amended by No. 39, 1946 ; No. 64, 1948 ; No. 80, 1950 ; No. 41, 1951 ; and No. 12, 1953.

(d) by omitting sub-section (3.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“ (3.) A person who—

(a) has any financial interest, whether direct or indirect, in any company which is the licensee of, or an applicant for a licence for, a commercial broadcasting station or a commercial television station or manufactures or deals in equipment for the transmission or reception of broadcasting, television or facsimile programmes ;

(b) is a member of the governing body of any company or other association of persons which is the licensee of, or an applicant for a licence for, a commercial broadcasting station or commercial television station ; or

(c) is the licensee of, or an applicant for a licence for, a commercial broadcasting station or commercial television station,

shall not be appointed a member of the Board.” ; and

(e) by inserting in sub-section (4.), after the word “ member ”, the words “ , other than a part-time member.”.

4. Section six c of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word “ member ” (first occurring), the words “ other than a part-time member ”.

Term of office  
of members.

5. Section six d of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections :—

“ (1A.) The Chairman of the Board shall call a meeting of the Board whenever requested to do so by two members.

“ (2.) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman and two other members (of whom not more than one shall be a part-time member) constitute a quorum.”.

Meetings of  
Board.

6. Section six e of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of sub-section (2.), after the word “ if ”, the words “ , not being a part-time member,” ;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (f) of sub-section (2.) the word “ or ” ; and

(c) by omitting paragraph (g) of sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraphs :—

“ (g) if, not being a part-time member, he absents himself from duty, except with leave granted by the Minister, for a period of fourteen consecutive days, or for twenty-eight days in any period of twelve months ; or

“ (h) if, being a part-time member, he absents himself, except with leave granted by the Minister, from all meetings of the Board held during two consecutive months.”.

Dismissal and  
vacation of  
office.