

COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME).

No. 12 of 1945.

An Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940-1944.*

[Assented to 1st August, 1945.]

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 *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1945.* Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940-1944** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1940-1945.*

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

3. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the definition of "election" the words "a general" (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the word "an". Definitions.

4. After section five of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"5A. In the application of this Act to an election for the House of Representatives (not being a general election for the House of Representatives), references in this Act to each Division and to each Divisional Returning Officer shall be read as references to the Division for which the election is being held, and to the Divisional Returning Officer for that Division, respectively." Application of Act to by-elections.

5. Section eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words "a general" and inserting in their stead the word "an". Action by Chief Electoral Officer.

6. Section eighteen A of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), before the word "the" (first occurring), the words "except at a House of Representatives election which is not a general election,". Voting by members of the Forces within a State.

* Act No. 48, 1940, as amended by No. 27, 1943, and No. 14, 1944.