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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

A.D. 1898-9.

No. 717.

An Act to amend "The Australasian Federation
Enabling Act (South Australia), 1895."

[*Assented to, March 8th, 1899.*]

WHEREAS, pursuant to "The Australasian Federation Enabling Act (South Australia), 1895," hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, a Federal Constitution for Australasia, hereinafter referred to as the Commonwealth Bill, was framed by the Australasian Federal Convention, and was finally adopted at Melbourne on the sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight: And whereas the Commonwealth Bill was afterwards submitted to the electors in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, and in all these colonies was accepted by majorities of the electors voting, but in New South Wales the number of votes for the acceptance of the Bill did not reach the required minimum: And whereas it is now proposed that the Commonwealth Bill should be amended in the particulars specified in Parliamentary Paper laid before both Houses of Parliament on the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and as so amended should be submitted to the electors, and if accepted by majorities of the electors voting should afterwards be capable of being transmitted by both Houses of Parliament for Imperial enactment—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows:

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Commonwealth Bill Amendment Act, 1899." Short title.

The Commonwealth Bill Amendment Act.—1899.

Amended Commonwealth Bill may be submitted to electors and transmitted for enactment.

2. The Commonwealth Bill as proposed as aforesaid to be amended shall —

- (a) Be submitted to the electors for the House of Assembly in South Australia for acceptance or rejection by direct vote, and, if accepted by a majority of the electors voting, may afterwards
- (b) Be transmitted by both Houses of Parliament for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament.

Date of submission.

3. The date for the submission to the electors shall in each district be the date to be fixed for polling at the next general elections for the House of Assembly.

Form of question.

4. The question to be proposed in the ballot paper shall be—
“ Are you in favor of the amended Commonwealth Bill? ”

Incorporation.

5. This Act shall be incorporated with the principal Act, and, except so far as inconsistent with this Act or inapplicable thereto, the provisions of the principal Act relating to the submission of the Commonwealth Bill to the electors and its transmission for legislative enactment shall apply to the Commonwealth Bill as proposed to be amended.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

S. J. WAY, Lieutenant-Governor.