



ANNO DECIMO QUARTO

GEORGII VI REGIS.

A.D. 1950.

No. 43 of 1950.

An Act to amend the Electoral Act, 1929-1946.

[Assented to 30th November, 1950.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the " Electoral Act Amend- Short titles.
ment Act, 1950 ".

(2) The Electoral Act, 1929-1946, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the " Electoral Act, 1929-1950 ".

(3) The Electoral Act, 1929-1946, is hereinafter referred to as " the principal Act ".

2. (1) Section 73 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word " elector " in the second line of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " authorized witness ".

Amendment of
ss. 73 and 74 of
principal Act—
Witness to
application for
postal vote.

(2) Section 74 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the word " elector " in the first line thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " authorized witness ";

(b) by striking out the word " elector " in the first line of subsection (2) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " authorized witness ";

(c) by striking out the word " elector " in the first line of subsection (3) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " authorized witness ".

Re-enactment
of s. 80 of
principal Act—

3. Section 80 of the principal Act is amended so as to read as follows:—

Authorized
witnesses.

80. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the following persons are authorized witnesses within the meaning of this Act:—

(a) All Council electors and Assembly electors; all officers permanently employed in the office of any Commonwealth or State electoral officer or returning officer; all Commonwealth or State electoral registrars; all postmasters or postmistresses or postal officials in charge of post offices of any State; all justices of the peace of any State; all commissioners for taking declarations or affidavits in any State; all adult teachers of any State Education Department; all members of the police force of the Commonwealth or of any State; all legally qualified medical practitioners of any State; all midwives and nurses registered by the Midwives Board or Nurses Board of any State; all officers in charge of quarantine stations of any State; all superintendents of mercantile marine and their deputies while permanently employed in the public service of the Commonwealth or of any State; all naval, military and air force commissioned officers in the service of the Commonwealth; all ministers of religion of any State:

(b) All persons or classes of persons employed in the public service of the Commonwealth or of a State who are declared by proclamation to be authorized witnesses within the meaning of this Act.

(2) No person who is a candidate at any election shall be an authorized witness at that election: Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to the witnessing of an application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 118a—
Compulsory
voting.

4. Section 118a of the principal Act (as enacted by section 3 of the Electoral Act Amendment Act, 1942) is amended—

(a) by striking out the words “ that district ” in the third line of subsection (4) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “ the State ”;

- (b) by inserting after the word " officer " wherever it occurs in subsections (5), (6), (8) and (9) thereof in every case the words " for the State ";
- (c) by inserting after the word " officer " in the second line of subsection (10) thereof the words " for the Assembly district " and by inserting after the word " officer " wherever elsewhere occurring in the said subsection in each case the words " for the State ".

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

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.