2007

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Attorney-General)

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

Contents

		Page
1	Name of Act	2
•	Name of Act	2
2	Commencement	2
3	Legislation amended	2
4	Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc Section 3A, note 1, new dot points	2
5	Meaning of electoral matter New section 4 (3)	2
6	Investigation of objections Section 49 (2) (a)	3
7	Enrolment etc Section 76 (3) and (4)	3

J2007-153

Contents

8	Section 87	Page 3
9	Application for registration of political party New section 89 (1) (g) and (1A)	4
10	Notification and publication of applications Section 91 (2) (b)	5
11	Section 91 (5)	5
12	Refusal of applications for registration New section 93 (1) (d)	5
13	Section 93 (2) (h)	5
14	Grouping of candidates' names Section 115 (2) and (3)	6
15	Approval of computer program for electronic voting and vote counting Section 118A (1) and (2)	6
16	Definitions for div 10.4 Section 136 (1), definition of <i>eligible elector</i>	7
17	Applications for postal voting papers Section 136A (1) and (2)	7
18	Section 136A (3)	8
19	Ordinary or declaration voting in ACT before polling day Section 136B (1)	8
20	Section 136B (5)	9
21	Section 136B (7)	9
22	Section 136B (8) (b)	9
23	Section 136B (17)	10
24	Section 136B (19)	10
25	Section 136B (20) (b)	10
26	Declaration voting outside ACT on or before polling day Section 136C (1)	11
27	Section 136C (5) and (7)	11
28	Section 136C (7) (a) and (b)	11
29	Section 136C (8) (b)	12
30	Soliciting applications for postal declaration votes New section 143 (1A)	12
31	Section 143 (3)	12
32	Notice of casual vacancy New section 191 (2) (c)	12

contents 2 Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

		Page
33	Determination of candidate to fill vacancy Section 194 (2)	13
34	Definitions for pt 14 Section 198, new definition of fundraising event	13
35	Section 198, definition of gift	14
36	Section 198, definition of non-party group	15
37	Activities of campaign committees Section 200 (1)	15
38	Disclosure periods Section 201 (2), definition of <i>disclosure day</i> , paragraphs (d) and (e)	15
39	Appointed agents Section 203 (1)	15
40	Section 203 (2) (b) (ii)	15
41	Non-appointed agents Section 204 (3)	15
42	Registers of reporting agents Section 205 (1)	16
43	Section 205 (2)	16
44	Section 206	16
45	Entitlement to funds Section 207 (2)	16
46	Making of payments Section 212 (2)	16
47	Section 212 (3)	17
48	Death of candidate Section 214 (2)	17
49	Division 14.4 heading	17
50	Section 217	17
51	Disclosure of gifts—non-party groups Section 218	18
52	Certain loans not to be received Section 218A (1)	18
53	Section 218A (5)	18
54	Section 218A (7), definition of <i>relevant person</i> , paragraph (b)	19
55	Section 218A (7), definition of <i>relevant person</i> , paragraphs (c), (d) and (e)	i 19

Contents

		Page
56	Nil returns Section 219	19
57	Sections 220 and 221	19
58	Section 221A heading	22
59	Section 221A (1)	22
60	Section 221A (2) (a)	22
61	Section 221A (2)	23
62	Section 221A (6)	23
63	Advice about obligations to make returns Section 221B (1)	23
64	Section 221B (1)	24
65	Anonymous gifts Section 222 (1)	24
66	Section 222 (2) (b)	24
67	Section 222 (3)	24
68	Section 222 (6)	24
69	Section 222 (7), new definition of anonymous gift	25
70	Section 222 (7), definition of gift	25
71	Section 222 (7), definition of prescribed amount	25
72	Section 222 (7), definition of relevant person, paragraph (b)	25
73	Definitions for div 14.5 Section 223, definition of <i>electoral expenditure</i> , paragraph (b)	26
74	Section 223, definition of electoral expenditure, paragraph (e)	26
75	Section 223, definition of participant, paragraph (a)	26
76	Returns of electoral expenditure Section 224 (1)	26
77	Section 224 (2)	26
78	Section 224 (3)	27
79	Section 224 (4)	27
80	Section 224 (4)	27
81	Nil returns Section 225 (2)	27
82	Returns by broadcasters and publishers Section 226 (1) (b), (2) (a) and (3) (b)	27
83	Section 226 (4)	28

contents 4 Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

0.4	Manying of defined positive law for div. 4.4.C	Page
84	Meaning of <i>defined particulars</i> for div 14.6 Section 228, definition of <i>defined particulars</i> , new paragraph (ca)	28
85	Annual returns by parties and MLAs Section 230 (6) (b)	28
86	Section 230 (6) (e)	28
87	New section 230 (6A)	29
88	Section 231A	29
89	Section 231C	29
90	Amounts received Section 232 (1) and (2)	30
91	Offences Section 236 (3)	30
92	Noncompliance with pt 14 Section 241 (2) (b)	31
93	Copies of returns to be available for public inspection Section 243 (1)	31
94	Section 243 (2) and (3)	31
95	Section 289 heading	32
96	Section 289 (1)	32
97	Section 289 (2), new definition of gift	32
98	Definitions for div 17.3 Section 291, definition of <i>address</i>	32
99	Section 291, definition of reportage or commentary	33
100	Sections 292 to 296	33
101	Defamation of candidates Section 300	37
102	Evidence of authorisation of electoral matter Section 306 (b)	37
103	New section 315A	37
104	New part 30	38
105	Preliminary scrutiny of declaration voting papers Schedule 3, clause 4	39
106	Exclusion of candidates Schedule 4, clause 8 (2) (a) and (b)	39
107	Dictionary, definition of address	40
108	Dictionary, definition of defined details	40
109	Dictionary, definition of eligible elector	40

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

contents 5

Contents

			Page
110	Dictionary	, new definition of fundraising event	40
111	Dictionary	, definition of group	41
112	Dictionary	, new definition of <i>news publication</i>	41
113	Dictionary	, definition of <i>non-party group</i>	41
114	Dictionary	, definition of <i>related</i>	41
Sched	ule 1	Electoral Act 1992—technical amendments	42
Sched	ule 2	Amendments of Electoral Regulation 1993	49
Sched	ule 3	Amendments of Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1994	50

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

2007

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Attorney-General)

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Electoral Act 1992* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1994*, and for other purposes

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1	1		Name of Act
2			This Act is the <i>Electoral Legislation Amendment Act</i> 2007.
3	2		Commencement
4			This Act commences on the day after its notification day.
5 6			Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).
7	3		Legislation amended
8			This Act amends the Electoral Act 1992.
9			<i>Note</i> This Act also amends the following legislation:
10			• Electoral Regulation 1993 (see sch 2)
11			• Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1994 (see sch 3).
12 13	4		Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc Section 3A, note 1, new dot points
14			insert
15			• s 292 (Dissemination of unauthorised electoral matter)
16			• s 296 (Advertorials)
17			• s 315A (Ballot papers—photographs)
18 19	5		Meaning of electoral matter New section 4 (3)
20			insert
21 22		(3)	However, a publication of the Assembly (including a committee of the Assembly) is not <i>electoral matter</i> .

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

1 2	6	Investigation of objections Section 49 (2) (a)
3		omit
4		; and
5		substitute
6		; or
7	7	Enrolment etc Section 76 (3) and (4)
9		substitute
10	(3)	A claim must be—
11 12		(a) signed as required for an enrolment claim under the Commonwealth Electoral Act; and
13		(b) given to the commissioner.
14		Note 1 If a form is approved under s 340A for a claim, the form must be used.
15		<i>Note</i> 2 For how documents may be given, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.
16 17 18	(4)	The identity of the claimant must be verified in the same way as the identity of a claimant for an enrolment under the Commonwealth Electoral Act must be verified.
19	8	Section 87
20		substitute
21	87	Definitions—pt 7
22		In this part:
23 24		address of a person who is, or is nominated to be, the registered officer of a political party means—
25		(a) the person's home address; or

Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

24

1	10		Notification and publication of applications
2			Section 91 (2) (b)
3			substitute
4 5			(b) state that a copy of each of the following is available for public inspection at the commissioner's office:
6			(i) the application;
7			(ii) the party's constitution;
3			(iii) if the application was accompanied by a notice under section 89 (1) (g)—the notice; and
)	11		Section 91 (5)
			substitute
2		(5)	The commissioner must make a copy of each of the following available for public inspection at the commissioner's office:
ļ			(a) the application;
			(b) the party's constitution;
			(c) if the application was accompanied by a notice under section 89 (1) (g)—the notice.
	12		Refusal of applications for registration New section 93 (1) (d)
)			insert
:			(d) the party's name, or any abbreviation of the party's name that the party intends to use for this Act, includes the name of a particular living person and the application is not accompanied
ļ			by the notice (if required) under section 89 (1) (g).
	13		Section 93 (2) (h)
			omit

1 2	14	Grouping of candidates' names Section 115 (2) and (3)
3		omit
4 5 6	15	Approval of computer program for electronic voting and vote counting Section 118A (1) and (2)
7		substitute
8 9	(1)	The commissioner may approve 1 or more computer programs for any of the following:
10		(a) to allow electronic voting in an election;
11		(b) to perform steps in the scrutiny of votes in an election.
12 13	(2)	The commissioner may approve a program under subsection (1) (a) only if the program will—
14 15		(a) allow an elector to show consecutive preferences starting at '1'; and
16 17		(b) give an elector an opportunity to correct any mistakes before processing the elector's vote; and
18 19		(c) allow an elector to make an informal vote showing no preference for any candidate; and
20 21		(d) not allow a person to find out how a particular elector cast his or her vote.
22 23	(2A)	The commissioner may approve a program under subsection (1) (b) only if—
24 25 26		(a) the proper use of the program would give the same result in the scrutiny of votes in an election as would be obtained if the scrutiny were conducted without using the program; and

1		(b) the program—
2		(i) will not allow a person to find out how a particular elector cast his or her vote; and
4 5		(ii) is designed to pause while the commissioner makes a determination by lot required by schedule 4; and
6 7 8		(iii) can produce indicative distributions of preferences at any time after the close of the poll and before the declaration of the poll.
9 10	16	Definitions for div 10.4 Section 136 (1), definition of <i>eligible elector</i>
11		omit
12 13	17	Applications for postal voting papers Section 136A (1) and (2)
14		substitute
15	(1)	In this section:
16 17		<i>eligible elector</i> , for an election, means an elector who is entitled to vote at the election and—
18		(a) who expects to be unable to attend—
19		(i) at a polling place on polling day; or
20 21		(ii) at a place where a vote may be made before an officer under section 136B before polling day; or
22		(b) whose address is a suppressed address.
23 24 25 26	(2)	An eligible elector for an election (or a person authorised by the eligible elector) may apply to an authorised officer for declaration voting papers for postal voting (<i>postal voting papers</i>) for the election.
27	(2A)	The application may be made orally or in writing.

1	(2B)	The application must include a declaration that the applicant is an eligible elector for the election.
3 4	(2C)	The application must be received by an authorised officer before 8 pm on the day before polling day.
5	18	Section 136A (3)
6		omit
7		from a person claiming to be an eligible voter
8		substitute
9		from, or on behalf of, a person claiming to be an eligible elector
10 11	19	Ordinary or declaration voting in ACT before polling day Section 136B (1)
12		substitute
13	(1)	In this section:
14 15		<i>eligible elector</i> , for an election, means an elector who is entitled to vote at the election and—
16 17		(a) who expects to be unable to attend at a polling place on polling day; or
18		(b) whose address is a suppressed address.
19		relevant period means the period—
20 21 22		(a) beginning on the 3rd Monday before polling day or, if that Monday is a public holiday in the ACT, the next business day; and
23		(b) ending at 8 pm on the day before polling day.

1	20		Section 136B (5)
2			substitute
3		(5)	If this section applies, the officer must issue a ballot paper for the
4 5			relevant electorate to the person if satisfied that the certified list of electors for the electorate—
6			(a) states the person's name; and
7 8			(b) states an address for the person or indicates that the person's address is suppressed; and
9 10			(c) has not been marked so as to indicate that a ballot paper has already been issued to the person.
11	21		Section 136B (7)
12			omit
13			a claimant
14			substitute
15			the person
16	22		Section 136B (8) (b)
17			omit
18			elector
19			substitute
20			person

1	23	Section 136B (17)
2		omit
3		elector
4		substitute
5		person
6	24	Section 136B (19)
7		substitute
8 9	(19)	If an authorised officer issues declaration voting papers to the person, the officer must—
10 11		(a) give the person a written statement indicating the consequences of casting a declaration vote under this section; and
12		(b) record the person's name.
13 14		Note If a form is approved under s 340A for a statement, the form must be used.
15	25	Section 136B (20) (b)
16		omit
17		elector
18		substitute
19		person

1 2	26		Declaration voting outside ACT on or before polling day Section 136C (1)
3			substitute
4		(1)	In this section:
5 6			<i>eligible elector</i> , for an election, means an elector who is entitled to vote at the election and—
7 8			(a) who expects to be unable to attend at a polling place on polling day; or
9			(b) whose address is a suppressed address.
10			relevant period means the period—
11 12 13			(a) beginning on the 3rd Monday before polling day or, if that Monday is a public holiday in the ACT, the next business day; and
14			(b) ending at 6 pm in the ACT on polling day.
15	27		Section 136C (5) and (7)
16			omit
17			elector
18			substitute
19			person
20	28		Section 136C (7) (a) and (b)
21			omit
22			claimant
23			substitute
24			person

1	29	Section 136C (8) (b)
2		omit
3		elector
4		substitute
5		person
6 7	30	Soliciting applications for postal declaration votes New section 143 (1A)
8		before subsection (1), insert
9	(1A)	A person commits an offence if the person—
0		(a) applies for declaration voting papers for postal voting for an election for someone else; and
3		(b) does not have the other person's consent to make the application.
4		Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.
5	31	Section 143 (3)
6		omit
7 8	32	Notice of casual vacancy New section 191 (2) (c)
9		insert
20 21 22		(c) state the time and place for a recount, if required under section 194, of the ballot papers counted for the former MLA at the last election at which he or she was elected.

1 2	33		Determination of candidate to fill vacancy Section 194 (2)
3			substitute
4 5 6 7		(2)	If there is more than 1 candidate in relation to a casual vacancy, the commissioner must, after making a declaration under section 193 (1) (a), conduct the recount in accordance with schedule 4, part 4.3.
8 9		(2A)	The recount must be conducted, as far as practicable, at the time and place stated for the recount in the notice under section 191 (2).
10 11	34		Definitions for pt 14 Section 198, new definition of <i>fundraising event</i>
12			insert
13			fundraising event means any of the following held to raise funds:
14			(a) a breakfast, lunch or dinner;
15			(b) a morning tea, afternoon tea, barbecue or cocktail party;
16			(c) an auction (including a dutch auction);
17			(d) a raffle or lucky envelope sale;
18			(e) a game or quiz night;
19			(f) a tipping competition;
20			(g) a concert;
21			(h) a theatre party;
22			(i) a fair or fete;
23			(j) a conference or seminar;
24			(k) a tour or trip;
25			(l) a ball or dance;

1		(m)	an art	, craft or fashion exhibition;
2		(n)		rent in which fundraising participants are sponsored by one else;
4 5		(o)		eting of 2 or more people where at least 1 person has paid end the meeting;
6		(p)	any o	ther event prescribed by regulation.
7	35	Sec	tion 1	98, definition of <i>gift</i>
8		subs	titute	
9		gift-		
10 11 12		(a)	else v	s a disposition of property made by a person to someone vithout consideration in money or money's worth or with quate consideration; and
13		(b)	includ	les—
14 15				the provision of a service (other than volunteer labour) for no consideration or for inadequate consideration; and
16			(ii)	a payment made at or for a fundraising event;
17 18				a subscription paid to an associated entity by a person in relation to the person's membership of the entity; but
19		(c)	does	not include—
20			(i)	a disposition of property under a will; or
21			(ii)	a payment under division 14.3 (Election funding); or
22				a subscription paid to a party by a person in relation to
23				the person's membership of the party; or
24 25				for division 14.4 (Disclosure of gifts) and in relation to a candidate—a gift made to or received by the candidate
26				for the benefit of a party of which the candidate is a
27				member.

1	36	Section 198, definition of <i>non-party group</i>
2		omit
3 4	37	Activities of campaign committees Section 200 (1)
5		omit
6		division 14.4 (Disclosure of donations)
7		substitute
8		division 14.4 (Disclosure of gifts)
9 10 11	38	Disclosure periods Section 201 (2), definition of disclosure day, paragraphs (d) and (e)
12		omit
13 14	39	Appointed agents Section 203 (1)
15		omit
16		non-party group,
17	40	Section 203 (2) (b) (ii)
18		omit
19 20	41	Non-appointed agents Section 204 (3)
21		omit

1 2	42	Registers of reporting agents Section 205 (1)
3		omit
4		agents
5		insert
6		reporting agents
7	43	Section 205 (2)
8		omit
9		non-party group and
10	44	Section 206
11		substitute
12	206	Who eligible votes are cast for
13 14		For this division, an eligible vote cast for a party candidate is taken to be cast for the party and not for the candidate.
15 16	45	Entitlement to funds Section 207 (2)
17		omit
18		, non-party group
19 20	46	Making of payments Section 212 (2)
21		omit

	Section 212 (3)
	omit
	and was not a member of a non-party group
48	Death of candidate Section 214 (2)
	substitute
(2)	If a candidate mentioned in subsection (1) was not endorsed by a party for the election, the payment may be made to the legal personal representative of the candidate.
49	Division 14.4 heading
	substitute
Divisio	n 14.4 Disclosure of gifts
50	Section 217
	substitute
217	Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—candidates other than MLAs
217 (1)	candidates other than MLAs
	candidates other than MLAs This section applies to a candidate in an election who was not an MLA immediately before polling day for the election.
(1)	candidates other than MLAs This section applies to a candidate in an election who was not an MLA immediately before polling day for the election. The reporting agent for the candidate must give the commissioner a
(1)	Candidates other than MLAs This section applies to a candidate in an election who was not an MLA immediately before polling day for the election. The reporting agent for the candidate must give the commissioner a return within 8 weeks after polling day for the election.
` '	Candidates other than MLAs This section applies to a candidate in an election who was not an MLA immediately before polling day for the election. The reporting agent for the candidate must give the commissioner a return within 8 weeks after polling day for the election. Note 1 If a form is approved under 340A for a return, the form must be used. Note 2 For how a return may be given, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.

1			(b) if the sum of all gifts received by the candidate from a particular person or organisation is \$1 500 or more—
3			(i) the amount of the sum; and
4			(ii) the defined details.
5 6		(4)	In working out the sum for subsection (3) (b), an amount of \$100 or less received at or for a fundraising event need not be counted.
7 8		(5)	If no gifts of a kind required to be disclosed were received by the candidate, the return must include a statement to that effect.
9		(6)	In this section:
10			gift does not include a gift that—
11 12			(a) is made in a private capacity to the candidate for the candidate's personal use; and
13 14			(b) the candidate has not used, and will not use, solely or substantially for a purpose related to an election.
15 16	51		Disclosure of gifts—non-party groups Section 218
17			omit
18 19	52		Certain loans not to be received Section 218A (1)
20			omit
21			non-party group,
22	53		Section 218A (5)
23			omit

54		Section 218A (7), definition of <i>relevant person</i> , paragraph (b)
		omit
55		Section 218A (7), definition of <i>relevant person</i> , paragraphs (c), (d) and (e)
		omit
		gift
		substitute
		loan
56		Nil returns Section 219
		omit
57		Sections 220 and 221
		substitute
220		Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—people incurring political expenditure
	(1)	This section applies if a person (other than a party, candidate or associated entity) (the <i>first person</i>)—
		(a) incurs expenditure of \$1 500 or more for a political purpose during the disclosure period for an election; and
		(b) receives from someone else 1 or more gifts totalling \$1 500 or more all or part of each of which was used by the first person to—
		(i) enable the first person to incur expenditure for a political purpose during the disclosure period; or
		purpose during the disclosure period; or

1 2		(ii) reimburse the first person for incurring expenditure for a political purpose during the disclosure period.
3 4	(2)	The first person must give the commissioner a return within 8 weeks after polling day for the election.
5		Note 1 If a form is approved under s 340A for a return, the form must be used.
6		Note 2 For how a return may be given, see Legislation Act, pt 19.5.
7 8	(3)	The return must state the following matters in relation to the disclosure period:
9 10		(a) the total amount of all gifts mentioned in subsection (1) (b) received by the first person;
11 12 13		(b) if the sum of all gifts mentioned in subsection (1) (b) received by the first person from a particular person or organisation is \$1 500 or more—
14		(i) the amount of the sum; and
15		(ii) the defined details.
16 17	(5)	A person <i>incurs expenditure for a political purpose</i> if the person incurs expenditure in relation to—
18 19		(a) publishing electoral matter (including publishing by radio or television); or
20		(b) otherwise publishing a view on an issue in an election; or
21		(c) making a gift to a candidate, party or associated entity; or
22 23 24 25		(d) making a gift to a person on the understanding that the person or another person will apply, directly or indirectly, the whole or part of the gift in a way mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).
26 27 28	(6)	A person is taken to have incurred expenditure for a political purpose if, during the disclosure period for an election, the person incurs expenditure in relation to that or any other election.

1		(7)	In this section:
2			gift does not include a payment of \$100 or less made at or for a fundraising event.
4 5	221		Disclosure of gifts made to candidates in disclosure period
6 7 8 9		(1)	This section applies if, during the disclosure period for an election, a person (other than a party, candidate or associated entity) makes 1 or more gifts totalling \$1 500 or more to the same candidate in the election or the same declared body.
10 11		(2)	The person must give the commissioner a return within 8 weeks after polling day for the election.
12			Note 1 If a form is approved under s 340A for a return, the form must be used.
13			Note 2 For how a return may be given, see Legislation Act, pt 19.5.
14 15 16		(3)	The return must state the following matters for each candidate or declared body to which the person made gifts mentioned in subsection (1):
17			(a) the total amount of the gifts;
18			(b) the defined details.
19 20 21 22 23		(4)	The commissioner may declare a person or body (whether incorporated or not) for this section if the commissioner believes on reasonable grounds, that it is a function of the person or body to incur electoral expenditure or to give gifts (directly or indirectly) to candidates.
24		(5)	The declaration of a person or body is a notifiable instrument.
25			<i>Note</i> A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.
26		(6)	In this section:
27 28			<i>declared body</i> means a person or body declared in accordance with subsection (4).

1		gift does not include—
2		(a) a gift that—
3 4 5		(i) is made in a private capacity to a candidate, or to a declared body that is an individual, for the candidate's or body's personal use; and
6 7 8		(ii) the candidate or body has not used, and will not use, solely or substantially for a purpose related to an election; or
9		(b) a payment of \$100 or less made at or for a fundraising event.
10	58	Section 221A heading
11		substitute
4.0	224 4	Annual returns of gifts
12	221A	Annual returns of gifts
12	59	Section 221A (1)
13		Section 221A (1)
13 14		Section 221A (1) omit
13 14 15		Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period
13 14 15 16		Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period substitute
13 14 15 16	59	Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period substitute 16 weeks
13 14 15 16 17	59	Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period substitute 16 weeks Section 221A (2) (a)
113 114 115 116 117 118	59	Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period substitute 16 weeks Section 221A (2) (a) omit
113 114 115 116 117 118 119	59	Section 221A (1) omit the relevant period substitute 16 weeks Section 221A (2) (a) omit \$1 000

1	61		Section 221A (2)
2			omit
3			the relevant period
4			substitute
5			16 weeks
6	62		Section 221A (6)
7			substitute
8		(6)	In this section:
9			gift does not include—
10			(a) a gift that—
11 12			(i) is made in a private capacity to an MLA for the MLA's personal use; and
13 14			(ii) the MLA has not used, and will not use, solely or substantially for a purpose related to an election; or
15 16			(b) a payment of \$100 or less made at or for a fundraising event; or
17			(c) a gift made by a party, MLA, candidate or associated entity.
18 19	63		Advice about obligations to make returns Section 221B (1)
20			omit
21			or MLA
22			substitute
23			, MLA or associated entity

1	64		Section 221B (1)
2			omit
3			section 221A (Annual returns of donations)
4			substitute
5			section 221A (Annual returns of gifts)
6 7	65		Anonymous gifts Section 222 (1)
8			substitute
9 10 11		(1)	A party, MLA, candidate or associated entity (the <i>receiver</i>) must not accept an anonymous gift made by someone else (the <i>giver</i>) to or for the benefit of the receiver if the gift—
12			(a) is \$1 500 or more; or
13 14 15			(b) would result in the receiver accepting \$1500 or more in anonymous gifts to or for the benefit of the receiver in the financial year in which the gift is given.
16	66		Section 222 (2) (b)
17			omit
18			non-party group or
19	67		Section 222 (3)
20			omit
21			non-party group,
22	68		Section 222 (6)
23			omit

	60	Section 222 (7) new definition of energy-section
1	69	Section 222 (7), new definition of anonymous gift
2		insert
3		anonymous gift—a gift is an anonymous gift unless—
4		(a) the receiver knows the defined details of the gift; or
5		(b) both the following apply:
6 7		(i) the giver tells the receiver the defined details of the gift before the gift is made;
8 9 10		(ii) when the gift is made, the receiver has no grounds for believing that the defined details given by the giver are not true.
11	70	Section 222 (7), definition of <i>gift</i>
''	10	-
12		substitute
13		gift—
14 15		(a) includes a gift made on behalf of the members of an unincorporated association; but
16 17		(b) does not include a payment of \$100 or less made at or for a fundraising event.
18	71	Section 222 (7), definition of prescribed amount
19		omit
20 21	72	Section 222 (7), definition of <i>relevant person</i> , paragraph (b)
22		omit

1 2 3	73	Definitions for div 14.5 Section 223, definition of <i>electoral expenditure</i> , paragraph (b)
4		omit
5		newspaper or periodical
6		substitute
7		news publication
8 9	74	Section 223, definition of <i>electoral expenditure</i> , paragraph (e)
0		omit
1		printed
2	75	Section 223, definition of <i>participant</i> , paragraph (a)
3		omit
4		, non-party group
5 6	76	Returns of electoral expenditure Section 224 (1)
7		omit
8		15 weeks
9		substitute
20		8 weeks
21	77	Section 224 (2)
- '		

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

1	78	Section 224 (3)
2		omit
3		15 weeks
4		substitute
5		8 weeks
6	79	Section 224 (4)
7		omit
8		non-party group,
9	80	Section 224 (4)
10		omit
11		15 weeks
12		substitute
13		8 weeks
14 15	81	Nil returns Section 225 (2)
16		omit
17 18	82	Returns by broadcasters and publishers Section 226 (1) (b), (2) (a) and (3) (b)
19		omit
20		newspaper or periodical
21		substitute
22		news publication

1	83	Section 226 (4)
2		omit
3		\$1 000
4		substitute
5		\$1 500
6 7 8	84	Meaning of <i>defined particulars</i> for div 14.6 Section 228, definition of <i>defined particulars</i> , new paragraph (ca)
9		insert
0 1 1 2	1	(ca) for a sum received by or for a party or associated entity—whether or not the sum is a gift, and if it is not a gift, the purpose for which the sum was given; and
3	85	Annual returns by parties and MLAs Section 230 (6) (b)
5		omit
6		newspaper or periodical
7		substitute
8		news publication
9	86	Section 230 (6) (e)
20		substitute
21		(e) producing any electoral matter to which section 292 (Dissemination of unauthorised electoral matter) applies;

87	New section 230 (6A)
	insert
(6A)	However, subsection (4) (b) or (c) does not require disclosure of any amount paid, or to be paid, using funds provided to an MLA by the Legislative Assembly.
88	Section 231A
	substitute
231A	Interim returns by parties and MLAs—election years
(1)	The reporting agent of a party or MLA must, within 8 weeks after polling day for a general election, give the commissioner a return for the period beginning on 1 July in the year in which the election is held and ending at the end of the 30th day after polling day for the election.
	<i>Note</i> If a form is approved under s 340A for a return, the form must be used.
(2)	The return must include the particulars required to be included in a return under section 230 for the period.
89	Section 231C
	substitute
231C	Interim returns by associated entities—election years
(1)	This section applies if an entity is an associated entity at any time during the period beginning on 1 July in a year in which a general election is held and ending at the end of the 30th day after polling day for the election.
(2)	The entity's financial controller, must within 8 weeks after polling day for the election, give the commissioner a return for the period. Note If a form is approved under s 340A for a return, the form must be used.

1

2		return under section 231B for the period.
3 4	90	Amounts received Section 232 (1) and (2)
5		substitute
6 7 8 9	(1)	If the sum of all amounts received by, or on behalf of, a party, MLA or associated entity (the <i>receiver</i>) from a particular person or organisation during a financial year is \$1 500 or more, the return by the receiver under section 230 or section 213B must state—
10		(a) the amount of the sum; and
11		(b) the defined details.
12	(2)	In working out the sum, the following amounts need not be counted:
13 14		(a) an amount of \$100 or less received at or for a fundraising event;
15 16		(b) for an associated entity licensed under the <i>Liquor Act 1975</i> —an amount received that—
17 18		(i) is for the supply of liquor or food in accordance with the licence; and
19		(ii) is not more than reasonable consideration for the supply;
20 21 22		(c) for an associated entity licensed under the <i>Gaming Machine Act 2004</i> —an amount received for the playing of gaming machines in accordance with the licence;
23		(d) an amount prescribed by regulation.
24 25	91	Offences Section 236 (3)
26		omit

(3) The return must include the particulars required to be included in a

1	92		Noncompliance with pt 14 Section 241 (2) (b)
3			omit
4 5	93		Copies of returns to be available for public inspection Section 243 (1)
6			omit
7			division 14.4 (Disclosure of donations)
8			substitute
9			division 14.4 (Disclosure of gifts)
10	94		Section 243 (2) and (3)
11			substitute
12 13 14 15		(2)	A copy of a return under any of the following provisions must be made available for public inspection from the beginning of the 12th week after polling day for the election to which the return relates:
16 17			(a) division 14.4 (other than section 221A (Annual returns of gifts));
18			(b) division 14.5;
19 20			(c) section 231A (Interim returns by parties and MLAs—election years);
21 22			(d) section 231C (Interim returns by associated entities—election years).
23 24 25 26		(3)	A copy of a return under any of the following provisions must be made available for public inspection from the beginning of December in the year in which the return was due: (a) section 221A;

	(b) division 14.6 (other than section 231A and section 231C).
(3A)	If the commissioner receives a return after it is required to be made available for public inspection under this section, the commissioner must make the return available for public inspection as soon as practicable.
95	Section 289 heading
	substitute
289	Discrimination on grounds of making political gifts
96	Section 289 (1)
	omit
	donation
	substitute
	gift
97	Section 289 (2), new definition of gift
	insert
	gift—see section 198.
98	Definitions for div 17.3 Section 291, definition of <i>address</i>
	omit
	95 289 96

1	99		Sec	ction	291, definition of reportage or commentary
2			omi	t	
3			new	spape	r or periodical
4			subs	stitute	
5			new	s pub	lication
6	100		Sec	ctions	s 292 to 296
7			subs	stitute	
8	292		Dis	semi	nation of unauthorised electoral matter
9		(1)	A p	erson	commits an offence if—
10			(a)	the p	person disseminates electoral matter; and
11			(b)	the n	natter does not include—
12 13				(i)	the name of the person who authorised the matter or its author; and
14 15				(ii)	a statement to the effect that the named person authorised, or is the author of, the matter; and
16 17 18 19				(iii)	if the matter is published for a registered party, a candidate for election or a person who has publicly indicated that he or she intends to be a candidate for election—a statement to the effect that the matter is
20 21			Max	kimun	published for the party, candidate or person. penalty: 10 penalty units.

1		(2)	in this section:
2			statement means a statement in a form in which the matter is disseminated.
4			Example
5			Electoral matter disseminated in sound and video form could state the authoriser's
6			name in sound or on-screen printed form.
7 8 9			Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
10	293		Exceptions for news publications
11		(1)	Section 292 does not apply to the dissemination of electoral matter
12		, ,	contained in reportage or commentary in a particular news
13			publication if the publication includes a statement to the effect that a
14			person named in the statement has authorised publication of all
15			electoral matter contained in reportage or commentary in the
16			publication.
17		(2)	Section 292 does not apply to the dissemination of electoral matter
18		` /	contained in a letter to the editor in a particular news publication
19			if—
20			(a) the author's name and the place where the author lives are
21			stated at the end of the letter; and
22			(b) the publication includes a statement to the effect that a person
23			named in the statement has authorised publication of all
24			electoral matter contained in letters to the editor in the
25			publication.
26		(3)	For subsection (2) (a), it is sufficient to identify where the author
27			lives by reference to—
28			(a) the suburb or town of, or nearest to, the author's residence; and
29			(b) if the residence is outside the ACT—the State, other Territory
30			or other country of the residence.

1		(4)	In this section:
2			<i>letter to the editor</i> includes electronic commentary of a similar kind.
3	294		Exceptions for dissemination of electoral matter on certain items
5 6 7		(1)	Section 292 does not apply to the dissemination of electoral matter on any of the following items unless the item includes a representation of a ballot paper:
8 9			(a) a letter from an MLA that includes the name of the MLA and an indication that he or she is an MLA;
10 11			(b) a press release published by or for an MLA that includes the name of the MLA and an indication that he or she is an MLA;
12 13			(c) a report under the Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004;
14			(d) a publication of a government agency that includes—
15			(i) the name of the agency; and
16			(ii) the City of Canberra Arms; and
17			(iii) the words 'Australian Capital Territory', 'Australian
18			Capital Territory Legislative Assembly', 'ACT
19 20			Legislative Assembly', 'Australian Capital Territory Government' or 'ACT Government';
21			(e) a business or visiting card that promotes the candidacy of a
22			person in an election;
23			(f) a letter or card on which the name of the sender appears;
24			(g) a bumper sticker;
25			(h) a T-shirt;
26			(i) a badge or button;
27			(j) a pen or pencil;

1			(k) a balloon;
2			(l) any other item that does not contain more than 10 words and is not in a news publication;
4			(m) an item prescribed by regulation.
5		(2)	In this section:
6 7			City of Canberra Arms—see the City of Canberra Arms Act 1932, section 4.
8			government agency means—
9			(a) an administrative unit; or
10			(b) a Territory instrumentality; or
11 12			(c) a statutory office-holder and the staff assisting the statutory office-holder.
13	295		Exception for certain Commonwealth licence holders
14 15 16 17			Section 292 does not apply to the dissemination of electoral matter on radio or television by the holder of a licence under the <i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i> (Cwlth) that is subject to a condition relating to election advertisements.
18	296		Advertorials
19 20		(1)	This section applies to an advertisement in a news publication that—
21			(a) appears to be reportage or commentary; and
22			(b) includes electoral matter.

1 2 3	(2)	The proprietor of the news publication must ensure that the word 'advertisement' is included, in legible form, as a headline to the advertisement on each page on which the advertisement appears. Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.
5 6	101	Defamation of candidates Section 300
7		omit
8	102	Evidence of authorisation of electoral matter Section 306 (b)
10		omit
11		newspaper or periodical
12		substitute
13		news publication
14	103	New section 315A
14 15	103	New section 315A in division 17.6, insert
	103 315A	
15		in division 17.6, insert
15 16	315A	in division 17.6, insert Ballot papers—photographs
15 16 17 18	315A	 in division 17.6, insert Ballot papers—photographs A person commits an offence if— (a) the person takes a photograph of a ballot paper used by the
15 16 17 18 19 20	315A	 in division 17.6, insert Ballot papers—photographs A person commits an offence if— (a) the person takes a photograph of a ballot paper used by the person for voting in an election; and (b) the photograph shows, or would be likely to show, how the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	315A	 in division 17.6, insert Ballot papers—photographs A person commits an offence if— (a) the person takes a photograph of a ballot paper used by the person for voting in an election; and (b) the photograph shows, or would be likely to show, how the person voted in the election.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	315A (1)	 in division 17.6, insert Ballot papers—photographs A person commits an offence if— (a) the person takes a photograph of a ballot paper used by the person for voting in an election; and (b) the photograph shows, or would be likely to show, how the person voted in the election. Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

1		(b) the photograph shows, or would be likely to show, how the elector voted in the election; and
3		(c) either—
4		(i) the person knows the identity of the elector; or
5 6		(ii) it would be possible for the person or someone else to find out the identity of the elector.
7		Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.
8	(3)	In this section:
9		<i>photograph</i> includes a video recording.
10	104	New part 30
		insert
11		inseri
11 12 13	Part 30	
12	Part 30	Transitional—Electoral
12 13		Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007
12 13 14	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns
12 13 14 15	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns This section applies to a return under any of the following: (a) section 217 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—
12 13 14 15 16 17	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns This section applies to a return under any of the following: (a) section 217 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—candidates other than MLAs); (b) section 220 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—
112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns This section applies to a return under any of the following: (a) section 217 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—candidates other than MLAs); (b) section 220 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—people incurring political expenditure); (c) section 221 (Disclosure of gifts made to candidates in
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns This section applies to a return under any of the following: (a) section 217 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—candidates other than MLAs); (b) section 220 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—people incurring political expenditure); (c) section 221 (Disclosure of gifts made to candidates in disclosure period);
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	500	Transitional—Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007 Transitional—returns This section applies to a return under any of the following: (a) section 217 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—candidates other than MLAs); (b) section 220 (Disclosure of gifts received in disclosure period—people incurring political expenditure); (c) section 221 (Disclosure of gifts made to candidates in disclosure period); (d) section 221A (Annual returns of gifts);

page 38

1 2 3		(2)	The amendments made by the <i>Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007</i> in relation to the returns mentioned in subsection (1) apply to—
4 5 6			(a) the part of the 2007-08 financial year that begins on the day on which the bill for that Act is presented to the Legislative Assembly; and
7			(b) later financial years.
8	501		Transitional regulations
9 10 11		(1)	A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of the <i>Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 2007</i> .
12 13 14		(2)	A regulation may modify this part to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this part.
15 16		(3)	A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
17	502		Expiry—pt 30
18			This part expires 2 years after the day it commences.
19 20	105		Preliminary scrutiny of declaration voting papers Schedule 3, clause 4
-	105		
20	105		Schedule 3, clause 4
202122	105		Schedule 3, clause 4 substitute An officer must produce at the centre each set of declaration voting
20 21 22 23 24			Schedule 3, clause 4 substitute An officer must produce at the centre each set of declaration voting papers that has not been dealt with at an earlier preliminary scrutiny. Exclusion of candidates

1	107	Dictionary, definition of <i>address</i>
2		substitute
3		address—
4 5 6 7		(a) of a person, for this Act generally—means the person's principal place of residence (including a place of residence from which a person who is an elector is temporarily absent and to which the person intends to return to live in); and
8 9 10		(b) of a person who is, or is nominated to be, the registered officer of a political party, for part 7 (Registration of political parties)—see section 87.
11	108	Dictionary, definition of defined details
12		omit
13		division 14.4 (Disclosure of donations)
14		substitute
15		division 14.4 (Disclosure of gifts)
16	109	Dictionary, definition of eligible elector
17		omit
18	110	Dictionary, new definition of fundraising event
19		insert
20 21		<i>fundraising event</i> , for part 14 (Election funding and financial disclosure)—see section 198.

1	111	Dictionary, definition of group
2		omit
3		section 115 (1) or (2), whichever is applicable.
4		substitute
5		section 115 (Grouping of candidates' names).
6	112	Dictionary, new definition of news publication
7		insert
8 9		<i>news publication</i> means a newspaper or periodical and includes an electronic publication of a similar kind.
10	113	Dictionary, definition of <i>non-party group</i>
11		omit
12	114	Dictionary, definition of <i>related</i>
13		omit
14		see section 87 (Meaning of <i>related</i> political parties)
15		substitute
16		see section 87 (Definitions—pt 7)

1	Sched	ule 1 Electoral Act 1992—technical amendments
3	(see s 3)	
4	[1.1]	Section 341 (2)
5		substitute
6 7	(2)	A regulation may create offences and fix maximum penalties of not more than 10 penalty units for the offences.
8	Explanatory	note
9	This amenda	nent brings language into line with current drafting practice.
10	[1.2]	Schedule 4, clause 1 (1), definition of count votes
11		substitute
12		count votes—see clause 1A.
13	Explanatory	note
14 15	This amenda another amer	ment is consequential on the relocation of the definition to new clause 1A by adment.
16	[1.3]	Schedule 4, clause 1 (1), definition of quota
17		substitute
18		quota—
19		(a) for this schedule generally—see clause 1B; and
20		(b) for part 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see clause 12.
21	Explanatory	note
22 23 24	by another a	ment is consequential on the relocation of the existing definition to new clause 1B mendment. This amendment also includes a signpost reference to the definition of part 4.3 of schedule 4 in accordance with current drafting practice.

page 42

	[1.4] Schedule 4, clause 1 (1), definition of transfer value		
2	substitute		
3	transfer value—		
4		(a) for this schedule generally—see clause 1C; and	
5		(b) for part 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see clause 13.	
6	Explanatory note		
7 8 9	This amendment is consequential on the relocation of the existing definition to new clause 1C by another amendment. This amendment also includes a signpost reference to the definition of the term for part 4.3 of schedule 4 in accordance with current drafting practice.		
10	[1.5]	Schedule 4, clause 1 (2)	
11		omit	
12	Explanat	ory note	
13		ndment is consequential on the relocation of the definition of transfer value to new	
14	clause 1C	by another amendment.	
14 15	[1.6]	by another amendment. Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C	
		·	
15		Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C	
15 16	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert	
15 16 17	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert Meaning of count votes—sch 4) For this schedule, count votes, in relation to a candidate, means the	
15 16 17 18	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert Meaning of count votes—sch 4 Por this schedule, count votes, in relation to a candidate, means the number of votes worked out as follows:	
15 16 17 18 19	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert Meaning of count votes—sch 4 For this schedule, count votes, in relation to a candidate, means the number of votes worked out as follows: BP×TV	
115 116 117 118 119 220	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert Meaning of count votes—sch 4 For this schedule, count votes, in relation to a candidate, means the number of votes worked out as follows: BP×TV However, any fraction is to be disregarded.	
115 116 117 118 119 120 221 222 223	[1.6] 1A	Schedule 4, new clauses 1A to 1C insert Meaning of count votes—sch 4 For this schedule, count votes, in relation to a candidate, means the number of votes worked out as follows: BP×TV However, any fraction is to be disregarded. In this clause: BP means the number of ballot papers to be dealt with at a count	

1

2

3

4

8

20

21

22

23

24

25

1B Meaning of quota—sch 4

(1) For this schedule, *quota* means the quota of an electorate for an election worked out as follows:

$$\frac{BP}{N+1}+1$$

N+1

- *Note* **Quota**, for pt 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see cl 12.
- 6 (2) However, any fraction is to be disregarded.
- (3) In this clause:
 - **BP** means the number of ballot papers for the election.
- 9 N means the number of positions to be filled at the election.

10 1C Meaning of transfer value—sch 4

- 11 (1) For this schedule, the *transfer value* of a ballot paper is the transfer value worked out under this clause.
- 13 Note Transfer value, for pt 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see cl 13.
- 14 (2) For the allotment of votes from the surplus of a successful candidate, the *transfer value* of a ballot paper that specifies a next available preference is worked out as follows:

$$\frac{S}{C}$$

- 18 (3) For the allotment of votes under clause 9 (2) (c) (Votes of excluded candidates), the *transfer value* is—
 - (a) for a ballot paper in relation to which votes were allotted to the excluded candidate under clause 3 (First preferences)—1; or
 - (b) for a ballot paper in relation to which count votes were allotted to the excluded candidate under clause 6 (3) (Surplus votes) or clause 9 (2) (c) (Votes of excluded candidates)—the transfer value of the ballot paper when counted for that allotment.

page 44

(4)	However, if the transfer value of a ballot paper worked out in
	accordance with subclause (2) would be greater than the transfer
	value of the ballot paper when counted for the successful candidate.
	the transfer value of that ballot paper is the transfer value of the
	ballot paper when counted for the successful candidate.

(5) In this clause:

CP means the number of ballot papers counted for the candidate at the count at which the candidate became successful and that specify a next available preference.

S means the surplus.

Explanatory note

6

8

9

10

11

14

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

This amendment updates the definitions by bringing them into line with current drafting practice.

[1.7] Schedule 4, part 4.4

substitute

Part 4.4 Deceased successful candidates

18 Application—pt 4.4

This part applies if a successful candidate dies on or after polling day but before the declaration of the result of the election.

19 Ballot papers for deceased successful candidate

- (1) The ballot papers counted for a deceased candidate must be dealt with in accordance with schedule 4, part 4.3 (Casual vacancies) as if they had been counted for a former MLA.
- (2) If 2 or more of the successful candidates die on or after polling day but before the declaration of the result of the election, the ballot papers counted for each deceased candidate must be dealt with in the order in which the candidates died.

Amendment [1.8]

1 2 3	(3)	If 2 or more of the successful candidates died at the same time, the commissioner must determine by lot the order in which the ballot papers for the deceased candidates are to be dealt with.
4	(4)	In applying schedule 4, part 4.3 for the purposes of this part:
5		continuing candidate means a candidate other than—
6		(a) a successful candidate; or
7		(b) a candidate who died before the recount for this part began; or
8		(c) a candidate who is excluded for clause 15 (Recount—continuation).
0	Explanator	ry note
1	This amendment remakes the part to correct the operation of a definition and bring it into line with current drafting practice.	
3	[1.8]	Dictionary, note 2, new dot point
4		insert
5		• AAT
6	Explanator	ry note
7	This amend	lment inserts an additional term into the dictionary note.
8	[1.9]	Dictionary, definition of AAT
9		omit
20	Explanator	ry note
21 22		dment omits an unnecessary definition. The term AAT is defined in the Legislation nary, part 1.
23	[1.10]	Dictionary, definition of ballot paper
24		substitute
25	hallot paper—	

page 46

26

Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

(a) includes an electronic ballot paper; and

1 2 3		(b) if a regulation is in force under section 114 (7) (Ballot papers)—means a ballot paper in the form prescribed by regulation; and
4 5		(c) for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
6 7		Note A ballot paper is required to be in the form set out in sch 1 (see s 114 (1)).
8	Explanatory	note
9 10	This amend drafting prac	ment adds the signpost reference in paragraph (c) in accordance with current etice.
11	[1.11]	Dictionary, new definitions
12		insert
13 14		<i>column</i> , for schedule 2 (Ballot papers—printing of names and collation)—see schedule 2, clause 1.
15		continuing candidate—
16 17		(a) for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll) generally—see schedule 4, clause 1; and
18 19		(b) for schedule 4, part 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see schedule 4, clause 11 (2).
20 21		<i>count</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
22 23		<i>count votes</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1A.
24 25		<i>envelope</i> , for schedule 3 (Preliminary scrutiny of declaration voting papers)—see schedule 3, clause 1.
26 27		<i>excluded candidate</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
28 29		<i>next available preference</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.

Amendment [1.11]

1	quota—
2	(a) for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll) generally—see schedule 4, clause 1B; and
4 5	(b) for schedule 4, part 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see schedule 4 clause 12.
6 7	<i>reporting agent</i> , for part 14 (Election funding and financial disclosure)—see section 198.
8 9	<i>successful candidate</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
10 11	<i>surplus</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
12 13	<i>total votes</i> , for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll)—see schedule 4, clause 1.
14	transfer value—
15 16	(a) for schedule 4 (Ascertaining result of poll) generally—see schedule 4, clause 1C; and
17 18	(b) for schedule 4, part 4.3 (Casual vacancies)—see schedule 4 clause 13.
19	Explanatory note
20 21	This amendment inserts signpost definitions for terms defined for parts and schedules in accordance with current drafting practice.

Sche		Amendments of Electoral Regulation 1993
(see s 3)		
[2.1]	Sections 2, 3	and 6
	omit	
[2.2]	Dictionary	

omit

1 2 3	Sched	ule 3 Amendments of Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1994
4	(see s 3)	
5	[3.1]	Schedule 1, modifications 1.11 and 1.12
6		omit
7	[3.2]	Schedule 1, modification 1.13, section 220 (1) (c) and (3)
8		omit
9		\$1 000
0		substitute
1		\$1 500
2	[3.3]	Schedule 1, modification 1.16, section 222 (1)
3		substitute
4 5 6	(1)	A person (the <i>receiver</i>) must not accept an anonymous gift made by someone else (the <i>giver</i>) for the purposes of a referendum if the gift—
7		(a) is \$1 500 or more; or
8 9		(b) would result in the receiver accepting \$1500 or more in anonymous gifts for the purposes of the referendum.
20	[3.4]	Schedule 1, modification 1.16, new section 222 (6)
21		insert
22	(6)	In this section:
23		anonymous gift—a gift is an anonymous gift unless—
24		(a) the receiver knows the defined details of the gift; or

page 50

1		(b) both the following apply:
2		(i) the giver tells the receiver the defined details of the gift before the gift is made;
4		(ii) when the gift is made, the receiver has no grounds for
5		believing that the defined details given by the giver are
6		not true.
7	[3.5]	Schedule 1, modification 1.19, section 224 (4)
8		omit
9		15 weeks
0		substitute
1		8 weeks
	[2 6]	Cabadula 4 madification 4 22
2	[3.6]	Schedule 1, modification 1.22
3		omit

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2007.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2007.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

© Australian Capital Territory 2007