

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AMENDMENTS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 10 of 1961

Consequent upon the recent amendment to the Advisory Council Ordinance 1936-1961, extending the term of office of members of the Advisory Council from two to three years, an amendment of the Advisory Council Election Regulations is required to substitute the extended period in Form 4 of the Schedule to the Regulations.

Clause 1 of the Regulations substitutes three years for two years in Form 4 which is the form of direction to the Returning Officer that may be used by the Minister to cause an election to be held.

In addition, provision is made for postal voting by persons whose religious beliefs preclude them from voting on a Saturday. This amendment brings the provisions of an election held under the Advisory Council Ordinance into line with the provisions applying to Commonwealth elections held under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1961.

Clause 2 provides that a person who is precluded from attending at a polling booth or from voting during the hours of polling or the greater part of the hours of polling because of religious beliefs may make application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot paper.