

# STATUTORY RULES

1928. No. 22.

## REGULATIONS UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT 1918-1928 AND THE REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) ACT 1906-1926.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918-1928 and the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1906-1926 to come into operation forthwith.

Dated the *Seventh* day of *August*, 1928.

*(Sgd) Stonehaven*  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

*W. E. G. Evans*  
for Minister of State for Home and Territories.

### PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral and Referendum Short title. Regulations.

2. These Regulations are divided into Parts, as follows:—

Parts. §

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Repeal.

3. The Electoral and Referendum Regulations being Statutory Rules 1926, No. 201, made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1928* and the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1926*, are repealed.

Application of regulations in relation to joint rolls.

4. These Regulations shall not apply in relation to joint rolls in any State with which an arrangement pursuant to section 32 of the Act is made, so far as provision is made by any joint regulations relating thereto, but shall, to the extent to which they are applicable, apply in relation to other matters in connexion with those joint rolls, and, for the purposes of the application of any regulations relating to compulsory enrolment, any reference in these Regulations to a form shall, where an appropriate form is provided by the joint regulations, include a reference to the form so provided.

Definitions.

5. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Referendum” means a referendum held under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act for the time being in force ;

*Italics*

“The Act” means the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* as amended from time to time.

Any reference to a form shall be read as a reference to a form in the Schedule.

PART II.—ELECTORAL.

DIVISION I.—ENROLMENT.

Form of roll.  
Sec. 31.

6. The Roll may be in accordance with Form 1, and shall contain the particulars indicated therein.

Sale of electoral rolls.  
Sec. 37 (1).

7. The prices at which Rolls shall be sold shall be as follow :—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Principal Roll for a Division .. .. .	2	0
Principal Roll for a Subdivision .. .. .	0	6
Supplemental Roll for a Division .. .. .	0	6
Supplemental Roll for a Subdivision .. .. .	0	3

Form of electoral claim.  
Secs. 40-42 and 47.

8. (1) The form of claim for enrolment, or transfer of enrolment, or notification of change of address within the same Subdivision, may be in accordance with Form 2.

(2) Any person applying for correction of the entry on the Roll of his name or particulars of enrolment may apply in accordance with Form 2 as the case requires, or in such other form, signed by the applicant, as the Registrar approves.

Registration of claim,  
Secs. 43 (1), 47 (1) (a) and (b).

9. (1) Upon receipt of a claim for enrolment or transfer of enrolment, or notification of change of address within the Subdivision, or application for the alteration or correction of particulars of an existing enrolment, the Registrar shall note thereon the date of its receipt by him, and if the

claim, notification, or application is in order and he is satisfied that the claimant is entitled to be enrolled or to have his name transferred or the particulars of his enrolment altered or corrected, the Registrar shall forthwith—

- (i) enter on the Subdivision Roll the name of the claimant and the particulars relating to him or alter or correct the particulars of his enrolment, as the case requires; and
- (ii) in the case of an enrolment or a transfer of enrolment, notify the claimant in accordance with Form 3 that he has been enrolled; and
- (iii) in the case of a transfer of enrolment give notice of the transfer to the Registrar keeping the Subdivision Roll from which the elector's name has been transferred.

(2) An interim acknowledgment of the receipt, after the issue of the Writ for an election or a referendum, and before the close of the polling at the election or referendum, of a claim for enrolment or transfer of enrolment, may be issued to the elector by the Registrar, in the form authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer.

10. The notification of the transfer of the enrolment of an elector, or the enrolments of electors, may be in accordance with Form 4.

Notification of transfer of enrolment.  
Sec. 43 (1).

11. (1) The reference of an Electoral Claim to the Divisional Returning Officer for his decision pursuant to section 44 (1) of the Act may be made in the form authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Reference of claim to Divisional Returning Officer.  
Sec. 44 (1).

(2) The notification to the claimant of such reference may be in accordance with Form 5.

12. (1) The notification by the Divisional Returning Officer to the Registrar of the rejection of an Electoral Claim may be in the form authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Notification of rejection of claim.  
Sec. 44 (4).

(2) The notification to the claimant of the rejection of an Electoral Claim may be in accordance with Form 6.

13. The Registrar, upon receipt of an Electoral Claim which is not in order by reason of some formal defect only, may send to the claimant a notification in accordance with Form 7 indicating the nature of the defect, and, as the case requires—

Formally defective claim.

- (a) return the Claim to him for completion or correction; or
- (b) furnish him with a fresh form of Claim for completion.

14. The certificate of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer authorizing the removal of the name of an elector, or the names of electors, from a roll, and the direction of the Divisional Returning Officer thereon, may be in accordance with Form 8.

Certificate authorizing removal of name.  
Sec. 47 (1) (A).

15. Where a name is removed from a Roll by direction of the Divisional Returning Officer upon the certificate of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer pursuant to Section 47 (1) (b) of the Act, the Registrar shall send to the elector whose name is so removed a notification in accordance with Form 9.

Notification of removal of name from roll.  
Sec. 47 (1) (B).

16. (1) The change of electors from one Roll to another in accordance with section 28 of the Act shall be effected, where necessary, by removing the names of the electors from the Roll from which they are changed, and by inserting the names so removed on the Roll to which they are changed.

Change of electors from one roll to another under Section 28 of Act.  
Sec. 28.

(2) In the following cases notice of the change shall be given by notice in the *Gazette* and in some newspaper circulating in the part affected:—

- (a) when a Subdivision is abolished and all electors whose names are on the roll for that Subdivision are changed to another Subdivision roll; or
- (b) when by reason of the alteration of the boundaries of a Division, any Subdivision is changed from one Division to another Division, and all the names of electors which are on the Subdivision roll for the first-mentioned Division are changed to a Subdivision roll for the last-mentioned Division; or
- (c) when in consequence of a proclamation for the preparation of new rolls or action thereunder (other than action by an elector), the enrolment of any electors is changed to a Subdivision or Division which differs in name from the Subdivision or Division for which they were enrolled prior to the proclamation, and in the opinion of the Officer charged with the preparation of the new rolls, a reasonably effective notice, generally applicable to all electors in a Subdivision whose enrolments have been changed can be so given.

(3) In any case to which the last preceding sub-regulation does not apply, notice of the change shall be sent by post to each elector concerned, and may be in accordance with Form 10.

#### DIVISION 2.—ENFORCEMENT OF LAW IN RELATION TO ENROLMENT.

Inquiry and  
report by  
Registrar.  
Sec. 42.

17. The Registrar shall, subject to such directions as he receives from the Divisional Returning Officer, make such inquiries from time to time as are practicable in order to ascertain the names of qualified persons who are entitled to enrolment for the Subdivision for which he keeps the Roll, but are not enrolled therefor, and shall, when any failure to comply with the law is disclosed, report to the Divisional Returning Officer in accordance with Form 11.

Notification  
in respect of  
offence.  
Sec. 42.

18. Subject to such directions as are issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, if satisfied that a qualified person has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 42 of the Act, forthwith notify him of such failure in accordance with Form 12, and inform him that he may reply by Declaration in accordance with Form 12A setting out any facts relevant to the matter, and that he has the option of having the matter dealt with either by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, or by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

Consent to  
matter being  
dealt with by  
Commonwealth  
Electoral  
Officer.  
Sec. 42.

19. Any person to whom a notification has been sent pursuant to the last preceding regulation, who desires the matter to be dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, and who is prepared to abide by the decision of that officer, may notify the Divisional Returning Officer in accordance with Form 13.

Proceedings  
upon receipt of  
consent to  
matter being  
dealt with by  
Commonwealth  
Electoral  
Officer.  
Sec. 42.

20. Upon the receipt from a person who has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 42 of the Act, of a notification consenting to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer and undertaking to abide by the decision of that officer, the Divisional Returning Officer shall consider the statements contained in the Declaration (if any) submitted by the person, make such further inquiry as he deems necessary,

and, unless he decides to withdraw the case, transmit the Declaration (if any) and notification, with a report as to the facts and his opinion thereon, to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer.

21. (1) Subject to such directions as are issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall, upon the receipt of a report from a Divisional Returning Officer in respect of an alleged contravention of Section 42 of the Act, consider all the facts, and if satisfied that the person concerned is in default or has contravened the provisions of the Section, he may make an order imposing upon that person a penalty not exceeding Ten shillings for a first offence, and not exceeding Two pounds for any subsequent offence, and notify the Divisional Returning Officer thereof and of the time allowed for payment.

Action by  
Commonwealth  
Electoral Officer  
upon receipt of  
report from  
Divisional  
Returning  
Officer.  
Sec. 42.

(2) Any penalty imposed by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer in pursuance of this Regulation shall be a debt due to the Commonwealth, and, in default of payment within the time allowed, may be recovered in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 23 of these Regulations.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer may review any order made by a Commonwealth Electoral Officer in pursuance of this Regulation, and may, if he is of opinion that the circumstances justify such action, remit the penalty imposed by the order.

22. The Divisional Returning Officer, upon receipt of advice from the Commonwealth Electoral Officer that a penalty has been imposed upon any person for a contravention of Section 42 of the Act, shall notify the person in accordance with Form 14.

Notification  
of imposition  
of penalty.  
Sec. 42.

23. (1) Any order made by a Commonwealth Electoral Officer under Regulation 21 of these Regulations imposing a penalty, may be filed in any Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and thereupon the order shall have effect as if it were an Order of that Court.

Enforcement  
of penalties.

(2) Subject to these Regulations, all laws of the State relating to the enforcement of Orders of Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in force in the place where the Court in which the Order is filed is situated shall, to the extent to which they are applicable, apply to all matters relating or incidental to, or in connexion with, the enforcement of the penalty specified in the Order so filed, and to any process for such enforcement.

(3) On the application of a Divisional Returning Officer, any justice of the peace having jurisdiction in the place may issue a warrant of execution, or other applicable process, for the purpose of the enforcement of the Order so filed.

(4) A warrant of execution or other applicable process may be in accordance with any form of warrant of execution or distress or other process applicable to the circumstances under any law in force in the State where the warrant is issued.

(5) Any form of warrant of execution, or other process, whether provided by these Regulations or by the law of the State, may be varied according to the circumstances of the case, and no warrant of execution, or other process, shall be held to be invalid by reason of want of form.

24. (1) Where any person to whom a notification pursuant to regulation 18 has been sent fails, within the time allowed, to reply thereto, or does not within that time consent to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, subject to such directions as he receives from the Commonwealth Electoral Officer,

Proceedings  
where matter  
not dealt  
with by  
Commonwealth  
Electoral  
Officer.  
Sec. 42.

if he is satisfied that such person has contravened Section 42 of the Act, cause proceedings to be instituted against him in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction :

Provided that where the Divisional Returning Officer, with the concurrence of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, deems it advisable, the Registrar for the Subdivision may institute proceedings in his own name, and in any such proceedings the authority of the Registrar shall not be questioned.

(2) If, in any case in which proceedings are instituted in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, the Divisional Returning Officer has received from the person concerned a Declaration in pursuance of regulation 18 he shall, as far as it is practicable and necessary for him to do so, inquire into the truth of the statements therein set out, and shall, unless he withdraws the prosecution, cause the declaration to be brought to the notice of the Court.

(3) The Court shall at the hearing of the case consider the declaration (whether the defendant is present or not) as if the matter therein set out had been given in evidence before it.

Declaration of prosecuting officer to be considered by Court.

25. (1) In any prosecution in respect of any contravention of Section 42 of the Act the prosecuting officer may lodge with the Court a statutory declaration in support of the charge, and it shall not then be necessary for him to attend at the hearing.

(2) Where a statutory declaration has been lodged as provided by this regulation and the prosecuting officer is not present at the hearing, the Court shall proceed with the hearing and determination of the case in his absence, and shall consider the statutory declaration as if the matter set out therein had been given in evidence before it.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation any document purporting to be a statutory declaration shall be accepted as such by the Court without proof of the signatures thereon or proof of the authority of the person before whom it purports to have been made to take statutory declarations.

#### DIVISION 3.—OBJECTIONS.

Notice of objection. Sec. 53.

26. (1) The notice of objection lodged by an elector or officer—not being a Registrar—in respect of a name on a Roll may be in accordance with Form 15.

(2) The notice of objection lodged by a Registrar in respect of a name on a Roll and the direction of the Divisional Returning Officer may be in accordance with Form 16.

Notice to person objected to on the ground of non-residence. Sec. 55.

27. The notice to be forwarded by the Divisional Returning Officer to a person whose name has been objected to upon the ground of non-residence may be in accordance with Form 17.

Notice to person objected to on ground other than non-residence. Sec. 55.

28. The notice to be forwarded by the Divisional Returning Officer to a person whose name has been objected to on a ground other than non-residence may be in accordance with Form 18.

Manner of answering objection. Sec. 56.

29. Any person against whom an objection has been lodged or made may answer the objection as follows :—

- (a) by attending before the Divisional Returning Officer at the place mentioned in the notice sent by the Divisional Returning Officer to him and making an oral statement to show that the objection is not good ; or

(b) by sending by post or delivering to the Divisional Returning Officer at his office a statement in writing to show that the objection is not good.

30. Before determining an objection, the Divisional Returning Officer may make such inquiries as he thinks necessary to ascertain the facts in relation to the objection. Inquiry into objection.  
Sec. 57.

31. (1) Upon determining an objection the Divisional Returning Officer shall send notice of his decision in accordance with Form 19 to the objector if the objector is not a Registrar, and to the person objected to if the person objected to has answered the objection within the prescribed period. Notice of determination of objection.  
Sec. 57.

(2) Where an objector is a Registrar, notice of the decision on the objection may be sent to him in accordance with the indorsement on Form 16, and such notice may contain a direction for the removal of an elector's name from the Roll when an objection has been sustained.

#### DIVISION 4.—MISCELLANEOUS.

32. (1) An application under section 58 of the Act to a court of summary jurisdiction may be made at any time within one calendar month after the receipt of notice of the rejection of a claim for enrolment or transfer of enrolment (regulation 12), or of notice of the determination of an objection (regulation 31), and may be made in writing in the form of a complaint setting out the material facts and asking that the Divisional Returning Officer be summoned to answer the complaint. Electoral appeals.  
Sec. 58.

(2) Upon the complaint being lodged with him, the clerk of the court shall issue a summons to the Divisional Returning Officer to appear before the court at a time and place mentioned in the summons to answer the complaint and produce all papers connected with the claim for enrolment or transfer of enrolment, or the objection, as the case requires.

(3) The Divisional Returning Officer may, by himself or some person appointed to represent him, appear at the hearing and produce to the court all papers connected with the claim for enrolment or transfer of enrolment, or the objection, as the case requires, but, if he does not desire to appear, he may send the papers to the clerk, to be produced at the hearing, together with a statement in writing containing such observations as he sees fit to make, and any such statement shall be considered by the court at the hearing.

(4) The Divisional Returning Officer, if present at the hearing, or the person representing him, shall be entitled to be heard.

### PART III.—ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM.

#### DIVISION 1.—CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS.

33. The notification by a candidate of his desire to have his name included in a group with the names of other candidates in that proposed group and with those names only, may be in accordance with Form 20. Notification of desire to be grouped.  
Sec. 72A.

34. (1) Every Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Substitute Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk, and Scrutineer shall make and subscribe an undertaking in accordance with Form 21. Undertaking by Officers and Scrutineers.  
Secs. 98 and 108.

(2) An omission by a Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Substitute Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk, or Scrutineer to sign the undertaking required by this Regulation shall not be a ground for setting aside any election or referendum.

Polling places.  
Sec. 27.

35. (1) The polling places for a Subdivision shall be those polling places which are declared by the Minister by *Gazette* notice to be the polling places for that Subdivision and for all electors who are enrolled for that Subdivision.

(2) Until polling places are declared by the Minister in pursuance of this Regulation, the polling places declared in pursuance of regulations repealed by these Regulations shall be deemed to be polling places declared for the purpose of this Regulation.

Use of polling booth for two elections, &c.  
Sec. 93.

36. The polling booths and ballot-boxes provided for the purposes of any election may be used for the purposes of any other election or any referendum or referendums held on the same day; but the ballot-papers for each election and referendum shall be distinctively coloured.

Provided that where in pursuance of section 14A of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1926 two or more forms of referendum ballot-paper are on one piece of paper those forms of ballot-paper may be of the same colour.

Ballot-boxes.  
Sec. 102.

37. Each ballot-box shall have a cleft in the cover through which the ballot-papers may be deposited in the ballot-box, and shall be provided with means for securely closing the cleft. The ballot-box shall also be capable of being securely fastened by means of a lock.

Official mark.  
Sec. 133.

38. The official mark for the authentication of ballot-papers shall be a water mark in the paper thereof, consisting of a representation of a shield having therein the letters "C A" intertwined.

Endorsement on ballot-papers.  
Secs. 90 and 107.

39. A circle containing the words "Divisional Returning Officer's initials," or "Presiding Officer's initials," as the case requires, may be printed on the back of any ballot-paper, and the words "Postal Vote" or "Absent Vote" may be printed or written on the back of any postal ballot paper or absent voter's ballot-paper, as the case requires.

#### DIVISION 2 —VOTING BY POST.

Form of application for postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.  
Sec. 85.

40. (1) The application for a postal vote certificate and a postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers for a Senate election or a House of Representatives election or a referendum, or all of them, as the case requires, may be in accordance with Form 22.

(2) The application shall state the place which will be the place of living of the applicant elector at the time when a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper (or postal ballot-papers) would in the ordinary course of post be delivered to him.

Form of postal vote certificate.  
Sec. 88.

41. (1) The postal vote certificate may be in accordance with Form 23.  
(2) The form may be printed on an envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division for which the elector named in the certificate declares that he is enrolled.

Forms of postal ballot-paper.  
Sec. 88.

42. (1) The postal ballot-paper for a Senate election may be in accordance with Form 24.

(2) Before issuing any postal ballot-paper for a Senate election, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, if the particulars are not already printed thereon, insert in the ballot-paper—

- (a) the name of the State for which the voter declares that he is enrolled;
- (b) the number of candidates to be elected;



(c) the full names of all candidates for that State in the order directed by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, and grouped as directed by that Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 105A of the Act; and

(d) the prescribed number of candidates for which the voter must indicate the order of his preference.

(3) The postal ballot-paper for a House of Representatives election may be in accordance with Form 25.

(4) Before issuing a postal ballot-paper for a House of Representatives election the Divisional Returning Officer shall, if the particulars are not already printed thereon, fill in (a) the name of the State and the name of the Division for which the voter declares that he is enrolled; and (b) the full names of all the candidates for that Division, in alphabetical order according to their surnames.

(5) The postal ballot-paper for a referendum may be in accordance with Form 26 or 27 as the case requires.

(6) Before issuing a referendum postal ballot-paper for any State in the Commonwealth other than the State in which the Divisional Returning Officer performs his duties, he shall strike out the name of the State printed thereon and insert the name of the State for which the applicant declares that he is enrolled.

43. The postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper (or postal ballot-papers) shall be delivered to the applicant elector personally or sent by post to him at the place stated in his application in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 40 of these Regulations.

Postal ballot-paper, &c., to be delivered to applicant or sent to his place of living.

44. In a Senate election, or a House of Representatives election, or a referendum a voter voting by post shall mark his vote on his postal ballot-paper in the manner indicated in the directions set forth on the ballot-paper.

Manner of marking postal votes.

44A. (1) When, before the close of the poll in an election—

(a) a Divisional Returning Officer receives from a postal voter an envelope bearing a postal vote certificate and purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers issued in respect of a Division other than the Division for which he acts as Divisional Returning Officer; or

Postal ballot-paper received by Divisional Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer under s. 92 (2).

(b) an Assistant Returning Officer receives from a postal voter an envelope bearing a postal vote certificate and purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers,

which envelope has been posted or delivered to him in pursuance of section 92 (2) of the Act, the Divisional Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall immediately—

(i) endorse on the envelope the words "Received by me" and add the date of receipt, his signature, and the words "Assistant Returning Officer";

*"Divisional Returning Officer" or*

(ii) make a record of the name of the voter and the name of the Division, appearing in the postal vote certificate;

(iii) enclose the envelope in an outer cover addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the voter named in the postal vote certificate is entitled to vote; and

(iv) advise that Divisional Returning Officer, in the form authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer, by telegram (or by letter, where such letter will in ordinary course reach that Divisional

*and forthwith transmit it by registered post to that Divisional Returning Officer*

Returning Officer prior to eight o'clock in the evening of the third day after the close of the poll) of the receipt and despatch of the said envelope.

(2) The Assistant Returning Officer shall at the close of the poll forward the record made by him pursuant to paragraph (ii) of the last preceding sub-regulation to the Divisional Returning Officer for his Division, who shall retain the same together with the records made by him under that paragraph.

Postal ballot-  
paper received  
by Presiding  
Officer under  
sec. 92 (2).

**44B.** When, before the close of the poll in an election, a Presiding Officer receives from a postal voter an envelope bearing a postal vote certificate, and purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers, which envelope has been delivered to the Presiding Officer in pursuance of section 92 (2) of the Act, he shall—

- (a) endorse on the envelope the words "Received by me at the Polling Place" and add his signature, the words "Presiding Officer" and the date;
- (b) make a record of the name of the voter and the name of the Division appearing in the postal vote certificate;
- (c) forthwith deposit the envelope in the ballot-box used for the purpose of the polling at his polling place; and
- (d) at the close of the poll forward the record, duly certified, under seal to the Assistant Returning Officer.

Postal voters'  
ballot-papers  
taken from  
ballot-box—  
action by  
Assistant  
Returning  
Officer.  
Sec. 92 (2).

**44c.** The Assistant Returning Officer, on receipt from a Presiding Officer of a ballot-box containing postal voters' ballot-papers enclosed in the envelopes bearing postal vote certificates, will take the following action in respect of all such envelopes:—

- (a) check the number of such envelopes with the number appearing in the Presiding Officer's record, preserve a note thereof, and report any discrepancy to his Divisional Returning Officer;
- (b) endorse on each envelope the words "Taken from the ballot-box used at the Polling Place", and add his signature, the words "Assistant Returning Officer" and the date;
- (c) place in a separate outer envelope all the envelopes bearing postal vote certificates relating to the same Division, endorse on the outer envelope the number of such envelopes so placed therein, fasten and seal the outer envelope, address it to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the electors named in the postal vote certificates are entitled to vote, and forthwith transmit it by registered post to that Divisional Returning Officer;
- (d) immediately advise, by telegraph or by such other means as is directed, each Divisional Returning Officer concerned of the total number of envelopes, bearing postal vote certificates, so forwarded to him.

Ballot-box for  
postal voters.

**45.** The Returning Officer for each Division shall keep a locked and sealed ballot-box with the words "Postal Ballot-box" marked thereon, and shall place and keep therein until the scrutiny all envelopes containing postal ballot-papers received up to the close of the poll, and all envelopes containing postal ballot-papers referred to in the last three preceding regulations which bear evidence that they were received by a Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or Presiding Officer before the close of the poll.

## DIVISION 3.—FACILITIES FOR VOTING AS AN ABSENT VOTER.

46. In a Senate election, or a House of Representatives election, or a referendum, an elector may, subject to these Regulations, vote as an absent voter on polling day at any polling place within the State for which he is enrolled, not being a prescribed polling place for the Subdivision for which he is enrolled, provided that a polling booth is open under the law on that day at such polling place, and provided further, and it is hereby declared, that the privilege of voting at a polling place as an absent voter is dependent upon the arrangements of the polling place, at which the elector claims to vote as an absent voter, being such as to enable the vote to be recorded, and to be recorded without interference with the rights of the electors enrolled for the Subdivision for which the polling place is prescribed.

Where an elector may vote as an absent voter.  
Sec. 118.

47. The elector must state his name, his place of living, and occupation, as appearing on the Roll, and the Division for which he is enrolled, and, to the best of his knowledge, the Subdivision for which he is enrolled.

Voter to state name and particulars.  
Sec. 118.

48. (1) The Presiding Officer shall put to the elector the questions prescribed by sub-section (1) (a) of Section 115 of the Act, and may, and at the request of any scrutineer shall, also put all or any of the questions prescribed by sub-section (1) (b) or (c) of the said section.

Questions to be put to voter.  
Sec. 118.

(2) If the ~~Presiding Officer is satisfied, from the~~ answers to the questions put the elector under the provisions of Section 115 of the Act, that he is entitled to vote, he may be allowed to vote as an absent voter on making a declaration in accordance with Form 28.

(3) The form of declaration may be printed on an envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division for which the elector declares that he is enrolled.

(4) When any person is permitted to vote under the provisions of this regulation he shall mark and fold his ballot-paper in the manner directed on the ballot-paper and return it so folded to the Presiding Officer.

49. If any person claiming to vote as an absent voter refuses to answer fully any question put to him under the authority of Section 115 of the Act or ~~by~~ his answers to any such question ~~shows~~ that he is not entitled to vote, his claim to vote shall be rejected.

Refusal by voter to answer questions.  
*So paid to him*

50. (1) If any voter who claims to vote as an absent voter satisfies the Presiding Officer that his sight is so impaired or that he is so physically incapacitated that he is unable to vote without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall take the following action :—

Blind or physically incapacitated voters.

- (a) fill in the form of declaration with the required particulars relating to the enrolment of the voter, as requested by such voter;
- (b) read over to the voter the form of declaration;
- (c) require the voter to sign the form of declaration—
  - (i) in his own handwriting if he is able to do so; or
  - (ii) with his mark as his personal signature if he is unable to sign his name in his own handwriting;

- (d) cause the signature of the voter, if made by means of a mark, to be witnessed by a scrutineer present, or, if no scrutineer be present, by the Poll Clerk ;
- (e) complete and attest the declaration ;
- (f) permit a person appointed by the voter to enter an unoccupied compartment of the booth with the voter and to mark and fold the ballot-paper or ballot-papers (as the case requires) for the voter ;
- (g) enclose the ballot-paper or ballot-papers in the envelope bearing the absent voter's declaration ; and
- (h) securely fasten the envelope and deal with it in the manner directed in relation to other absent voters' ballot-papers.

(2) If any voter to whom the last preceding sub-regulation applies fails to appoint a person pursuant to that sub-regulation, or if any voter who claims to vote as an absent voter satisfies the Presiding Officer that he is so illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall take the action indicated in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) inclusive of that sub-regulation and shall, in the presence of such scrutineers as are present, or if there be no scrutineers present, then—

- (i) in the presence of the Poll Clerk, or
  - (ii) if the voter so desires, in the presence of a person appointed by the voter, instead of the Poll Clerk,
- (a) mark and fold the ballot-paper or ballot-papers (as the case requires) for the voter ;
  - (b) enclose the ballot-paper or ballot-papers in the envelope bearing the absent voter's declaration ; and
  - (c) securely fasten the envelope and deal with it in the manner directed in relation to other absent voters' ballot-papers.

#### DIVISION 4.—FORMS OF ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT-PAPERS.

Absent voter's  
ballot-paper—  
Senate election.  
Sec. 118.

51. The ballot-paper for a Senate Election to be used by an elector voting as an absent voter may be in accordance with Form 29, provided that the names of the Candidates, and the name of the State and the name of the Division, may be either printed or written thereon.

Absent voter's  
ballot-paper—  
House of  
Representatives  
election.  
Sec. 118.

52. The ballot-paper for a House of Representatives Election to be used by an elector voting as an absent voter may be in accordance with Form 30, provided that the names of the Candidates, and the name of the State and the name of the Division, may be either printed or written thereon.

Absent voter's  
ballot-paper for  
referendum  
in respect of one  
proposed law.

53. The ballot-paper for a referendum in respect of one proposed law, to be used by an elector voting as an absent voter, may be in accordance with Form 31.

Absent voter's  
ballot-paper for  
referendum in  
respect of two  
or more  
proposed laws.

54. Where two or more proposed laws are submitted to the electors on the same day under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act in force for the time being, the ballot-papers relating to any two or more of those proposed laws, to be used by an elector voting as an absent voter, may be included in one special form of ballot-paper, which may be in accordance with Form 32.

**DIVISION 5.—RECORDS IN CONNEXION WITH ABSENT VOTES.**

**55.** The Presiding Officer shall make a record of the name of each elector who has voted at his polling booth as an absent voter at an election or referendum, together with the names of the Division and Subdivision for which the elector declares that he is enrolled as indicated on the form of declaration, and, at the close of the poll, shall forward the record, duly certified, under seal, to the Assistant Returning Officer.

Record of  
absent voters.

**56.** The Assistant Returning Officer, on receipt from a Presiding Officer of a ballot-box containing absent voters' ballot-papers enclosed in the envelopes bearing the electors' declarations, will take the following action in respect of all such envelopes :—

Absent voters'  
ballot-papers—  
action by  
Assistant  
Returning  
Officer.  
Sec. 113.

- (a) check the number of such envelopes with the number appearing in the Presiding Officer's record, preserve a note thereof, and report any discrepancy to his Divisional Returning Officer ;
- (b) place in a separate outer envelope (or parcel) all the envelopes relating to the same Division, endorse on the outer envelope (or parcel) the number of such envelopes so placed therein, fasten and seal the outer envelope (or parcel), address it to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division named in the electors' declarations, and forthwith transmit it by registered post to that Divisional Returning Officer ;
- (c) immediately advise, by telegraph or by such other expeditious means as may be directed, each Divisional Returning Officer concerned of the total number of envelopes, bearing absent voters' declarations, so forwarded to him.

**57.** The Divisional Returning Officer shall preserve in his custody—

Custody of  
absent voters'  
ballot-papers.  
Sec. 113.

- (a) a book, in which he shall record from time to time the number of envelopes bearing absent voters' declarations received by him from each Assistant Returning Officer ;
- (b) a locked and sealed ballot-box, marked "Absent Voters' Ballot-box," in which he shall forthwith place all envelopes bearing absent voters' declarations received by him from Assistant Returning Officers.

**DIVISION 6.—SCRUTINY OF ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT-PAPERS.**

**58.** The scrutiny of absent voters' ballot-papers shall commence as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, and shall be conducted by the Divisional Returning Officer or an Assistant Returning Officer thereto directed by the Divisional Returning Officer in the presence of such authorized scrutineers as choose to attend and any other persons approved by the Divisional Returning Officer.

Who may  
attend scrutiny.  
Sec. 113.

**59. (1)** The officer conducting the scrutiny shall—

- (a) produce and open the absent voters' ballot-box in which the envelopes containing the absent voters' ballot-papers have been placed ;

Preliminary  
scrutiny.  
Sec. 113.

- (b) place in one parcel the unopened envelopes bearing the duly signed and attested declarations of those persons who he is satisfied are enrolled for and are entitled to vote in respect of, the Division, accept for further scrutiny the ballot-papers contained therein, and place a mark opposite the name of each of such persons on a certified copy of the Roll to be used by him for the purposes of the scrutiny;
- (c) place in another parcel the unopened envelopes bearing the declarations of those persons who he is satisfied are not enrolled for, or are not entitled to vote in respect of, the Division, or whose declarations are not duly signed and attested, fasten and seal the parcel, indorse thereon the words "absent voters' ballot-papers rejected at the preliminary scrutiny," and add the name of the Division, his signature, and the date:  
Provided that an absent voter's ballot-paper shall not be rejected at the preliminary scrutiny by reason only of the fact that the Presiding Officer has omitted to attest the declaration of the elector if before the declaration of the poll the officer certifies that the omission was due to inadvertence, and that the declaration was, as a matter of fact, duly signed in such officer's presence;
- (d) place the envelopes containing the ballot-papers which he has decided to accept for further scrutiny before him on a table in such a manner that the face only of each envelope bearing the address of the Divisional Returning Officer shall be visible;
- (e) number each envelope consecutively from one upwards in the top right-hand corner until the whole of the envelopes have been dealt with;
- (f) without further examining the declaration of any voter, or permitting any other person to do so, withdraw from the envelope each ballot-paper contained therein, and, without inspecting or unfolding such ballot-paper, or allowing any other person to do so, place thereon a number corresponding with that placed on the envelope from which the ballot-paper has been withdrawn, and forthwith deposit the folded ballot-paper in a locked and sealed ballot-box for further scrutiny;
- (g) place the envelopes in a parcel, indorsed with the words "Envelopes bearing absent voters' declarations from which ballot-papers have been withdrawn for further scrutiny," fasten and seal the parcel, add the name of the Division, his signature, and the date.

(2) It shall not be necessary to await the receipt of the whole of the envelopes containing absent voters' ballot-papers for the Division before proceeding with the further scrutiny of the ballot-papers which have been placed in the ballot-box referred to in paragraph (f) of the preceding sub-regulation, but sufficient uncounted ballot-papers shall be kept in the ballot-box to insure that all ballot-papers for an election or referendum, when counted, shall be taken from a number sufficient to prevent the identity of the voters from being disclosed.

60. At the further scrutiny, the Officer conducting the scrutiny shall open the ballot-box referred to in regulation 59 (1) (f), examine the absent voters' ballot-papers contained therein, and shall—

Further  
scrutiny.  
Sec. 118.

- (a) in a Senate election or in a House of Representatives election—
  - (i) reject all informal ballot-papers, and arrange the un-rejected ballot-papers under the names of the respective candidates by placing in a separate parcel all those on which a first preference is indicated for the same candidate;
  - (ii) count the first preference votes given for each candidate on all unrejected ballot-papers; and
- (b) in a referendum, allow and count the ballot-papers which are formal and disallow and reject those which are informal.

61. (1) An absent voter's ballot-paper shall be informal—

- (a) if in a Senate election or a House of Representatives election, or in a referendum, it is not authenticated by the initials of the proper officer, or by the official mark as prescribed under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act or the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act (as the case requires) in force for the time being; or
- (b) if in a Senate election it has no vote indicated on it, or it does not indicate the voter's first preference for one candidate and his consecutive preferences for so many other candidates as will, with the candidate for whom he votes as his first preference, be equal to twice the number of the candidates to be elected, plus one, or, if there are fewer candidates than that number, the total number of candidates; or
- (c) if in a House of Representatives election it has no vote indicated on it, or it does not indicate the voter's first preference for one candidate and, in the case of any election where there are more than two candidates, his contingent votes for all the remaining candidates:
 

Provided that in a House of Representatives election at which there are not more than two candidates, the voter's preference for one candidate shall be deemed to be sufficiently indicated in the case of a ballot-paper marked so as to indicate the voter's first preference only; or
- (d) if in a referendum it has no vote marked on it, or has more than one vote marked on it; or
- (e) if in a Senate election or a House of Representatives election, or in a referendum, it has upon it any mark or writing (not lawfully authorized to be put upon it) by which in the opinion of the Officer conducting the scrutiny the voter can be identified; or
- (f) if in a Senate election or a House of Representatives election, or in a referendum, it is not contained in the envelope bearing the declaration of the elector:

Informal  
ballot-papers.  
Sec. 118.

Provided that paragraph (e) of this sub-regulation shall not apply to any mark or writing placed upon the ballot-paper by an officer, notwithstanding that the placing of the mark or writing upon the ballot-paper is a contravention of the law; but if any officer unlawfully places any mark or writing on any ballot-paper which would enable any person to identify the voter to whom it is issued, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10.

(2) In a Senate election or a House of Representatives election an absent voter's ballot-paper shall not be rejected as informal merely because the surname only of any candidate has been written thereon, if no other candidate has the same surname, or by reason of any mistake in spelling where there is no doubt as to the identity of the candidate.

(3) An absent voter's ballot-paper shall not be rejected merely because of a formal defect therein through the name of a wrong State or Division appearing thereon, or the omission of the name of the State or Division, if the name of the Division for which the elector is enrolled appears in the declaration of the elector.

(4) In a Senate election or a House of Representatives election or a referendum an absent voter's ballot-paper shall not be informal for any reason other than the reasons specified in this regulation, but shall be given effect to according to the voter's intention so far as his intention is clear.

Objection by  
scrutineer to  
ballot-paper.

*lc.* 62. If a scrutineer objects to a ballot-paper as being informal, the officer conducting the scrutiny shall mark the ballot-paper "Admitted," or "Rejected," according to his decision to admit or reject the ballot-paper, and add his initials, but nothing in this regulation shall prevent the Officer from rejecting a ballot-paper as being informal although it is not objected to.

Parcelling of  
ballot-papers.  
Sec. 113.

*lc.* 63. The Officer conducting the scrutiny shall place in separate parcels—  
(a) all absent voters' ballot-papers allowed or admitted as formal for each election ;  
(b) all absent voters' ballot-papers disallowed or rejected as informal for each election ;  
(c) all absent voters' ballot-papers allowed or admitted as formal or disallowed or rejected as informal in connexion with any referendum or referendums ;

and shall fasten and seal each parcel, and endorse thereon particulars of the contents thereof, the name of the Division, and add his signature and the date.

Absent voters'  
envelopes to be  
forwarded to  
Commonwealth  
Electoral  
Officer.

64. The Divisional Returning Officer shall forthwith forward the sealed parcels of envelopes (bearing absent voters' declarations) from which ballot-papers have been withdrawn for further scrutiny to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, who shall preserve the parcels until the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer has been obtained for their destruction.

Opening of  
sealed parcels of  
ballot-papers.  
Secs. 113, 135,  
and 136.

*lc.* 65. (1) The sealed parcels of absent voters' ballot-papers may only be opened—  
(a) in the case of a Senate election—for the purpose of determining the election in the manner provided in section 135 of the Act ; or  
(b) in the case of a House of Representatives election, where no candidate has received an absolute majority of first preference votes cast at the election and it is necessary to determine the election in the manner provided in Section 136 of the Act ; or  
(c) for the purposes of an authorized recount ; or  
(d) by direction of the Court of Disputed Returns.

(2) When sealed parcels of absent voters' ballot-papers are opened in pursuance of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-regulation the ballot-papers shall be dealt with in the same manner as ballot-papers contained in a parcel transmitted to the Divisional Returning Officer by an Assistant Returning Officer.



66. The Divisional Returning Officer shall preserve the sealed parcels—
- (a) of absent voters' ballot-papers allowed or admitted at the scrutiny;
  - (b) of absent voters' ballot-papers disallowed or rejected at the scrutiny;
  - (c) of envelopes bearing absent voters' declarations and containing ballot-papers rejected at the preliminary scrutiny,

Preservation of  
Ballot-papers.  
Sec. 113.

until the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer has been obtained for their destruction.

67. The sealed parcels of absent voters' declarations may only be opened—
- (a) by direction of the Court of Disputed Returns; or
  - (b) by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, subject to such directions as he may receive from the Chief Electoral Officer, for the purpose of comparing the signature of any voter thereon with the signature purporting to be that of the same person on the Electoral Claim Card filed in his office, or for the purpose of instituting any authorized official inquiry.

Opening of  
sealed parcels  
of declarations.

#### DIVISION 7.—SCRUTINY OF POSTAL BALLOT-PAPERS.

68. The scrutiny of postal ballot-papers in a Senate election or a House of Representatives election or a referendum shall be conducted by the Divisional Returning Officer as provided for in Part XII. of the Act, and, in so far as it is not so provided for, shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in the same manner as is provided by these Regulations in relation to the scrutiny of absent voters' ballot-papers:

Preliminary  
and further  
scrutiny.

Provided that for the purpose of the scrutiny of postal ballot-papers any reference in these Regulations, in relation to the scrutiny of absent voters' ballot-papers, to the absent voters' ballot-box shall be read as a reference to the postal ballot-box; any reference to a ballot-paper, or an absent voter's ballot-paper, shall be read as a reference to a postal ballot-paper; and any reference to a declaration, or an absent voter's declaration, shall be read as a reference to a postal vote certificate.

69. The postal ballot-papers and postal vote certificates shall be dealt with as nearly as practicable in the manner provided by regulations 63 to 67 inclusive in relation to absent voters' ballot-papers and absent voters' declarations.

Postal ballot-  
papers, &c.,  
how dealt with.

#### DIVISION 8.—VOTES RECORDED IN PURSUANCE OF SECTIONS 91A, 121, AND 121A OF THE ACT.

70. (1) The declaration to be made by a person claiming to vote pursuant to section 121 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 33, and the declaration to be made by a person claiming to vote under the provisions of section 91A or section 121A shall be in accordance with Form 34.

Declarations  
under Section  
91A, 121, or  
121A of Act.

(2) The declaration may be printed on an envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, or may be attached by gum or other adhesive substance to such envelope.

71. The ballot-paper to be used by a person claiming to vote pursuant to section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act may be in accordance with the form prescribed to be used by an elector voting as an absent voter. The words 'Absent Vote' appearing on such ballot-paper may be struck out and the words 'Section 91A,' 'Section 121' or 'Section 121A,' as the case requires, substituted therefor.

Ballot-paper  
under section  
91A, 121, or  
121A of Act.

Record to be  
made by  
Presiding  
Officer.

72. The Presiding Officer shall make a record of the name and other particulars of each person who votes at his polling booth under the provisions of section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act, and, at the close of the poll, shall forward the record, duly certified, under seal, to the Assistant Returning Officer.

Action by  
Assistant  
Returning  
Officer.

73. The Assistant Returning Officer, on receipt from a Presiding Officer of a ballot-box containing ballot-papers enclosed in envelopes bearing declarations of persons who have voted pursuant to section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act, shall take the following action in respect of all such envelopes:—

- (a) check the number of such envelopes with the number appearing in the Presiding Officer's record, preserve a note thereof, and report any discrepancy to his Divisional Returning Officer;
- (b) place in a separate outer envelope (or parcel) all the envelopes relating to the same Division, endorse on the outer envelope (or parcel) the number of such envelopes so placed therein, fasten and seal the outer envelope (or parcel), address it to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division named in the electors' declarations, and forthwith transmit it by registered post to that Divisional Returning Officer;
- (c) immediately advise, by telegraph or by such other expeditious means as may be directed, each Divisional Returning Officer concerned of the total number of such envelopes so forwarded to him.

Scrutiny of  
votes cast under  
Section 91A,  
121, or 121A  
of Act.

74. The provisions of regulations 57 to 67 inclusive shall apply as nearly as practicable to the receipt, scrutiny, parcelling, and preservation of ballot-papers and envelopes bearing declarations used for the purposes of voting under section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act:

Provided that the scrutiny shall be conducted by the Divisional Returning Officer:

Provided further that for the purpose of the scrutiny of ballot-papers and envelopes bearing declarations used for the purposes of voting under section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act, any reference in these Regulations to a ballot-paper, an absent voter's ballot-paper, an absent voter's declaration, or an absent voter's ballot-box, shall be read as a reference to a ballot-paper, declaration, or ballot-box, as the case requires, used for the purposes of voting under section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act, or for the receipt and scrutiny of votes cast under any of those sections.

Physically  
incapacitated  
or illiterate  
electors voting  
under Section  
91A, 121 or 121A  
of Act.

75. In the case of a person, whose sight is so impaired or who is so physically incapacitated or illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance, who claims to vote pursuant to section 91A, 121, or 121A of the Act, the provisions of regulation 50 of these Regulations, as the case requires, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if the person were claiming to vote as an absent voter:

Provided that in the application of that regulation any reference to the particulars relating to the enrolment of the elector shall be read as a reference to the Division and Subdivision for which the elector claims to be enrolled.

#### DIVISION 9.—SCRUTINY BY ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER.

Scrutiny by  
Assistant  
Returning  
Officer.  
Secs. 125 and  
126.

76. (1) At the scrutiny the Assistant Returning Officer shall, on receipt, from a Presiding Officer, of a ballot-box, forthwith exhibit it for the inspection of the scrutineers present, and shall record the condition in which the box is received, and shall then, in the presence of the scrutineers present, open the

ballot-box, and, subject to the action prescribed in regulations 56 and 73, take out and count the ballot-papers (but not inspect the votes), and record the total number of the ballot-papers taken therefrom, and thus check the statement of the Presiding Officer.

(2) If the total number of ballot-papers taken from a ballot-box is not less than one hundred, the votes may immediately be inspected and counted.

(3) If the total number of ballot-papers taken from a ballot-box is less than one hundred, they shall be placed in a locked and sealed ballot-box, called a reserve ballot-box, which has been previously exhibited to the scrutineers, and the counting of the votes on those ballot-papers shall be deferred.

(4) The ballot-papers in the reserve ballot-box may be taken out and counted when all the ballot-papers taken from any two or more ballot-boxes and placed in the reserve ballot-box exceed one hundred, but where no more ballot-boxes are to be received at the counting centre, the ballot-papers may be taken out and counted, notwithstanding that there are less than one hundred ballot-papers in the reserve ballot-box.

#### DIVISION 10.—RECOUNT OF BALLOT-PAPERS.

77. (1) Before proceeding to recount any ballot-papers, the Divisional Returning Officer shall send to each candidate notice of the time and place fixed for the recount.

Recount.  
Secs. 137 and  
138.

(2) The Divisional Returning Officer shall, at the time and place fixed for the recount, in the presence of the scrutineer or scrutineers in attendance, and of an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service, open every sealed parcel of ballot-papers to be recounted, and shall count the votes therein.

(3) Each parcel of ballot-papers to be recounted shall be opened separately without destroying or rendering illegible any endorsements on the parcel, and every care shall be taken to prevent the ballot-papers in the parcel from being mixed with the ballot-papers in any other parcel.

(4) After a parcel has been opened and the votes therein counted, the ballot-papers shall be replaced in their original cover, which shall be resealed, refastened, and then placed in a new cover, which shall be sealed and fastened, and an endorsement shall be made thereon of the fact and date of the recount, and shall be signed by the Divisional Returning Officer and such persons authorized to be present at the recount as choose to add their signatures.

(5) When any ballot-papers are, at a recount, reserved for the decision of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the scrutineer or scrutineers in attendance, place the ballot-papers in a properly fastened and sealed parcel bearing his signature and the signature or signatures of the scrutineer or scrutineers, together with an endorsement setting forth the number of ballot-papers contained therein, the name of the Division, and the date; and shall place the parcel in a fastened and sealed outer cover fully addressed to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, and forthwith transmit the parcel to him by registered post.

(6) On receipt of the parcel, the Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall, in the presence of an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service, and, if any candidate so desires, in the presence of a person appointed by such candidate, open the parcel and scrutinize the ballot-papers and shall mark each ballot-paper "Admitted," or "Rejected," according to his decision to admit or reject such ballot-paper.

(7) When the Commonwealth Electoral Officer has given his decision on the ballot papers, he shall restore them to their original cover, refasten and reseal the cover, and endorse thereon—

- (a) the number of ballot-papers contained therein ;
- (b) a statement that such ballot-papers have been the subject of decision by him ;
- (c) his signature and the date ;

and shall request the persons in whose presence he scrutinized the ballot-papers to add their signatures, and shall then place the parcel in a new cover, which he shall fasten, seal and forthwith return by registered post to the Divisional Returning Officer.

(8) The Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall advise the Divisional Returning Officer, in writing, as to the number of ballot-papers admitted or rejected by him, and the Commonwealth Electoral Officer's decision shall be accepted by the Divisional Returning Officer in completing his recount of the ballot-papers.

(9) The receipt of every parcel of ballot-papers shall be acknowledged in writing by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer and the Divisional Returning Officer respectively.

#### DIVISION 11.—ENFORCEMENT OF LAW IN RELATION TO COMPULSORY VOTING.

List of electors who failed to vote.

78. (1) The list of the names and descriptions of the electors enrolled for a Division, who did not vote at an election or a referendum, which is required to be prepared by the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division, under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 128A of the Act, may be prepared in separate Subdivision Lists, which may be certified in accordance with the Form 37.

(2) All the Subdivision Lists for a Division shall together form the List for the Division.

Notice to elector under section 128A, sub-section (4), and reply of elector.

79. (1) The notice to be sent under the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 128A of the Act to each elector whose name appears on the list shall be posted within three months after the close of the election or referendum.

(2) The notice may be in accordance with Form 38.

(3) The form for the reply of the elector, which shall be filled up and signed by the elector in the presence of a witness, may be in accordance with Form 39.

(4) The witness shall be an elector or a person qualified to be an elector.

Action where reason considered insufficient.

80. (1) Where the reply of the elector states a reason for his failure to vote which, in the opinion of the Divisional Returning Officer, is not a valid and sufficient reason for that failure, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, after endorsing on the list prepared by him his opinion in accordance with sub-section (8) of section 128A of the Act, notify the elector, in accordance with Form 40, of his opinion, and inform him that he has the option of having the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer or by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

(2) Any elector to whom a notification has been sent pursuant to the last preceding sub-regulation, who desires the matter to be dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, and who is prepared to abide by the decision of that officer, may notify the Divisional Returning Officer in accordance with Form 41, and may deposit with the Divisional Returning Officer such sum as that officer determines, to be appropriated in payment of the penalty, if any, which the Commonwealth Electoral Officer imposes upon him.

(3) Upon the receipt from an elector who has failed to vote—

(a) of a notification consenting to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer and to abide by the decision of that officer; and

(b) of the deposit specified in the last preceding sub-regulation, the Divisional Returning Officer shall transmit the notification, together with the elector's reply stating his reason for having failed to vote and the Divisional Returning Officer's opinion thereon, to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer.

81. (1) Subject to such directions as are issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Commonwealth Electoral Officer shall, upon the receipt from a Divisional Returning Officer of the documents mentioned in the last preceding regulation, consider all the facts, and if satisfied that the elector concerned has failed to vote at the election without a valid and sufficient reason for that failure, he may make an order imposing upon that elector a penalty not less than Ten shillings nor more than Two pounds, and notify the Divisional Returning Officer thereof and of the time allowed for payment.

Action by  
Commonwealth  
Electoral  
Officer upon  
receipt of  
report from  
Divisional  
Returning  
Officer.

(2) Any penalty imposed by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer in pursuance of this regulation shall be a debt due to the Commonwealth, and in default of payment within the time allowed, may be recovered in accordance with the provisions of regulation 82 of these Regulations.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer may review any order made by a Commonwealth Electoral Officer in pursuance of this regulation, and may, if he is of opinion that the circumstances justify such action, remit the penalty imposed by the order.

82. (1) The Divisional Returning Officer, upon receipt of advice from the Commonwealth Electoral Officer that a penalty has been imposed upon any elector for a contravention of paragraph (a) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act, may appropriate the deposit or portion thereof in payment of the penalty, shall notify the elector, in accordance with Form 42 of the amount of the penalty, and refund to the elector the balance, if any, of the deposit.

Notification of  
imposition of  
penalty.  
Section 128A,  
sub-section (12).

83. Subject to such directions as are issued by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, the Divisional Returning Officer shall—

Proceedings in  
a Court of  
Summary  
Jurisdiction.

(a) if he is satisfied that there has been a contravention of paragraph (a) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act by an elector, and the elector has not within the time allowed, intimated that he consents to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, and deposited the sum specified in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 80 of these Regulations; or

- (b) if he is satisfied that there has been a contravention of paragraph (b) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act by an elector; or
- (c) if he is satisfied that there has been a contravention of paragraph (c) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act by an elector,

forthwith cause proceedings to be taken against the elector in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

Proceedings in  
Court on  
failure of  
elector to  
vote.

84. (1) In any proceedings which are instituted in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, pursuant to paragraph (a) of the last preceding regulation, the Divisional Returning Officer shall send to the Court the elector's reply, if any, stating his reason for having failed to vote.

(2) The Court shall, whether the defendant is present or not, consider the contents of the reply as if it were given in evidence before the Court.

(3) If the defendant attends the Court, and sets up a defence differing in substance from the statement contained in his reply, the Court shall, if it dismisses the information, do so without awarding the defendant the costs of his defence.

(4) A copy of this regulation shall be printed on the back of the form of summons.

Proceedings in  
Court on  
failure of  
elector  
to send reply  
to Divisional  
Returning  
Officer's  
solicitation.

85. (1) In any proceedings in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction against an elector for a contravention of paragraph (b) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act, there shall be served on the defendant a notice that the defendant may attend the Court and answer the charge in person, or may, at any time, not less than seven days before the date fixed for the hearing, lodge with or send by post to the prosecuting officer a statutory declaration setting out any matter which he desires to set out in answer to the charge, and that, unless the prosecuting officer withdraws the charge, the declaration will be sent to the Court for consideration of the matter set out therein as if it were given in evidence before the Court, subject to any evidence in reply adduced by the prosecuting officer. The notice may be printed or written on the summons or may be by separate document served therewith.

(2) Where a statutory declaration is received by the prosecuting officer, in pursuance of the last preceding sub-regulation, he shall, as far as it is practicable for him to do so, inquire into the truth of the statements therein set out, and shall, unless he withdraws the prosecution, bring the declaration to the notice of the Court.

(3) The Court shall, at the hearing of the case, consider the statutory declaration (whether the defendant is present or not) as if the matter therein set out were given in evidence before it, but if the defendant attends the Court, and sets up a defence differing in substance from the statement contained in his declaration, the Court shall, if it dismisses the prosecution, do so without awarding the defendant the costs of his defence.

(4) The Court may, in its discretion, on the application of the prosecuting officer, adjourn the hearing for any period it thinks fit, to enable that officer to answer the declaration.

86. (1) In any prosecution in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction in respect of any contravention of sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of sub-section (12) of section 128A of the Act, the prosecuting officer may lodge with the Court a statutory declaration in accordance with Form 43, together with a certified extract in accordance with Form 44, and it shall not then be necessary for him to attend at the hearing. Evidence in Court of Summary Jurisdiction

(2) Where a statutory declaration and certified extract have been lodged as provided by this regulation, and the prosecuting officer is not present at the hearing the Court shall proceed with the hearing and determination of the case in his absence, and shall consider the statutory declaration and certified extract as if the matter set out therein had been given in evidence before it, and shall, notwithstanding the absence of the prosecuting officer, permit evidence to be given for the prosecution of any witness who is summoned by, or attends on behalf of, the prosecuting officer.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation any document purporting to be a statutory declaration shall be accepted as such by the Court without proof of the signature thereon or proof of the authority of the person before whom it purports to have been made to take statutory declarations.

#### 10 DIVISION 12.—MISCELLANEOUS.

87 All ballot-papers, certified copies of the Roll for the Division, Lists of Voters, Forms of Declaration, and Postal Vote Certificates used at an election or referendum shall, after the scrutiny is completed, be sealed up by the officer who conducted the scrutiny. Each Assistant Returning Officer shall transmit, in properly endorsed and sealed parcels, all ballot-papers scrutinized by him and all certified lists of voters used within that portion of the Division in which he exercises his powers, to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division, who shall be responsible for the safe custody of these documents until the authority of the Chief Electoral Officer has been obtained for their destruction. Preservation of documents.  
Sec. 218.

88. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (4) of this regulation, the Commonwealth Electoral Officer or the Divisional Returning Officer in whose custody any sealed parcels are retained pursuant to the Act or the regulations, may, for the purposes of any authorized official inquiry (including the preparation of any List in accordance with sub-section (2) of section 128A of the Act), if so directed by the Chief Electoral Officer, open any parcel in his custody containing any certified list of voters, or any certified copy of the roll used at the scrutiny of absent votes, or at the scrutiny of postal votes, or containing any declarations used for the purpose of absent voting or voting pursuant to section 91A, 121, or 121A, or any postal vote certificates, and may take out and examine the certified list or certified copy of the roll or any declaration or postal vote certificate, and take a copy thereof. Authorized official inquiry.

(2) In the case of a certified list or certified copy of a roll he shall forthwith replace it in a parcel, and fasten, seal, and endorse the parcel as required by the Chief Electoral Officer.

(3) Any declarations or postal vote certificates which have, in pursuance of this regulation, been taken out of a sealed parcel may be retained by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer or the Divisional Returning Officer or dealt with in the manner directed by the Chief Electoral Officer, and upon

the attainment of the purpose for which the declarations or postal vote certificates were so retained or dealt with, the Commonwealth Electoral Officer or the Divisional Returning Officer, as the case may be, shall forthwith replace them in a parcel and fasten, seal, and endorse it as required by the Chief Electoral Officer.

(4) Except for the purpose of the preparation of a list in accordance with sub-section (2) of section 128A of the Act no sealed parcel containing declarations or postal vote certificates shall be opened in pursuance of this regulation until any election or referendum to which the contents of that parcel relate can no longer be questioned.

(5) A Commonwealth Electoral Officer or Divisional Returning Officer who opens a sealed parcel in pursuance of this regulation shall not mark, alter, or in any way deface, or permit any other person to mark, alter, or deface, any document taken out of the parcel, and shall be responsible for every such document being replaced in the same condition as when it was taken out.

Fee for  
inspection of  
candidate's  
return.  
Sec. 151.  
Return under  
s. 152 of Act.  
Sec. 152.

89. The fee to be paid for an inspection of the return, and the receipted bills of particulars, of a candidate's electoral expenses shall be 2s. 6d.

90. (1) The return to be made by a trades union, registered or unregistered, organization, association, league, body of persons, or person, under Section 152 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 45.

(2) Every return filed in pursuance of Section 152 of the Act shall be open to public inspection during ordinary office hours, on payment of a fee of One shilling.

Notice under  
s. 152 (8) of  
Act.  
Sec. 152.  
Return under  
s. 153 of Act.  
Sec. 153.

91. The notice by the Chief Electoral Officer under Section 152 (8) of the Act may be in accordance with Form 46.

92. (1) The return to be made by the proprietor or publisher of a newspaper under Section 153 of the Act shall be in accordance with Form 47.

(2) Every return filed in pursuance of Section 153 of the Act shall be open to public inspection during ordinary office hours on payment of a fee of One shilling.

Offence for  
which no  
penalty  
prescribed.

93. Any person who is convicted of an offence against these Regulations for which no penalty is provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Two pounds

Use of forms  
which are not  
prescribed.

94. Where any action is required to be taken under the Act or these Regulations by an officer, and no form is prescribed for use in connexion with such action, the officer may use such form as is approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Withdrawal of  
consent to  
nomination.  
Sec. 80.

95. The notice of withdrawal by a Candidate of his consent to nomination may be in accordance with Form 48 and shall be signed by the Candidate in the presence of the officer with whom the nomination was lodged or of a Justice of the Peace.

Endorsement by  
Divisional  
Returning  
Officer on the  
copy of Senate  
Writ.

96. The endorsement to be made by a Divisional Returning Officer on the copy of the Writ for a Senate election shall be in accordance with Form 49.



*Referendum*

97. Form A in the schedule to the Act is amended by omitting the words “ the office of the Commonwealth Electoral Officer ” and inserting in their stead the words : “ (*here insert name of building*). ”

Amendment  
of Form in  
Schedule to  
the Act.

98. Strict compliance with the forms in the schedule shall not be required, and substantial compliance shall suffice for the purposes of these Regulations.

Strict  
compliance with  
forms in the  
schedule not  
required.

98A. Notwithstanding contained in these Regulations the Chief Electoral Officer may permit the continuance of the use of Forms 2, 3 and 12 as prescribed by any regulations repealed by these Regulations, for such time as he considers desirable.

Continuance of  
use of certain  
forms.

#### PART IV.—REFERENDUM.

99. The official mark for the authentication of referendum ballot-papers shall be the official mark prescribed for electoral ballot-papers.

Official mark.

100. When the day fixed for the taking of the votes of the electors for the purposes of a referendum is the same as that fixed for the polling at a Senate election or a general election for the House of Representatives, and no poll is taken in any particular Division for the purposes of the election—

Referendum in  
Divisions where  
no electoral  
poll taken.

(a) the forms in these Regulations may be modified so far as is necessary to enable them to apply, as regards that Division, to the referendum only, and

(b) any forms under these Regulations may, as regards that Division, be deemed to refer to the referendum only.

101. When the validity of any referendum can no longer be questioned the Chief Electoral Officer may, subject to the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act in force for the time being, authorize the destruction of the ballot-papers used for voting at the referendum.

Destruction of  
ballot-papers.

102. (1) The return to be made by a trades union, registered or unregistered, organization, association, league, body of persons, or person, under Section 35 of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act shall be in accordance with Form 50.

Return by  
trade union,  
organization,  
&c.

(2) Every return filed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act shall be open to public inspection during ordinary office hours, on payment of a fee of One shilling.

103. The notice by the Chief Electoral Officer under Section 35 (9) of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act may be in accordance with Form 51.

Notice to  
trade unions,  
&c., requiring  
return.

104. (1) The return to be made by the proprietor or publisher of a newspaper under Section 36 of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act shall be in accordance with Form 52.

Return by  
newspaper  
proprietors.

(2) Every return filed in pursuance of Section 36 of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act shall be open to public inspection during ordinary office hours, on payment of a fee of One shilling.

## THE SCHEDULE.

Form 1.

Regulation 6.

19 . . .

Commonwealth of Australia.

ELECTORAL ROLL MADE UP TO [here insert date].

State of [here insert name of State].

Division of [here insert name of Division].

Roll of Electors for the Subdivision of [here insert name of Subdivision].

No. Name in Full, Place of Living, Occupation, and Sex of each Elector.

[Here follow Names, &amp;c.]

Footnote—M signifies Male, F signifies Female.

Form 2.

Regulation 8 (1).

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

ELECTORAL CLAIM.

Particulars for  
Enrolment.

Surname—

Christian Names—

(in full).

Place of Living—

(Give full address).

Occupation—

Sex—

The following particulars relating to claimant will not appear on the Roll, but must be stated on this card.

Date and year of birth— Place of birth— Former surname\*—

\* (See Instruction D on other side).

To the Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of—

Division of—

State of—

1. I am an inhabitant of Australia and have lived therein for six months continuously.  
2. I am a natural-born or naturalized subject of the King, am not under the age of 21 years, and am qualified to be enrolled as an elector.

3. I claim to have my name and particulars for enrolment placed on the Electoral Roll for the abovenamed Subdivision in which I now live and have lived for a period of not less than one month immediately preceding the date of this Claim.

4. My name is at present enrolled for the Subdivision of the Division of in respect of the following address in that Subdivision, namely:—

I declare that the whole of the statements made in this Claim are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Personal Signature of Claimant—

Date

19 . . .

I, the undersigned, am an elector or a person qualified to be an elector of the Commonwealth, and I certify that I have seen the above-named Claimant sign the above Claim, and that I either know the statements contained in the Claim to be true or have satisfied myself by inquiry of the Claimant or otherwise that the said statements are true.

(Penalty on witness for failure to fully comply with this requirement—£50.)

Personal Signature of Witness—

Occupation—

Place of living—

[Back of Form.]

*This form may be used only by a qualified person not under the age of 21 years, (a) when claiming enrolment or transfer of enrolment, or (b) when notifying a change of address within the same Subdivision or applying for the correction of any particulars of an existing enrolment.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN FILLING IN PARTICULARS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CLAIM.

(A) Place of Living.—Full address, including name and street number (if any) of habitation, must be inserted.

(B) Paragraph 4 should be struck out if claimant is not already enrolled.

(C) Personal Signature of Claimant.—The signature of the Claimant must be his personal signature. If unable to sign his name in his own handwriting, he may make his mark as his signature, but such signature must be made in the presence of the person who signs as witness.

(D) Former surname is to be filled in only in the case of a married woman who has changed her name by marriage since her last enrolment.

NOTE.—The claimant should see that he receives an acknowledgment of this claim in due course.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON WITNESSING ELECTORAL CLAIM.

(i) The person witnessing an electoral claim must be an elector, or a person qualified to be an elector, of the Commonwealth.

(ii) A person shall not sign his name as witness—

(a) on any blank electoral claim; or

(b) on any electoral claim which has been wholly or partly filled up unless it has been signed by the person intended to sign it; or

(c) on any electoral claim unless he has seen the person, whose signature he purports to witness, sign it. Penalty—Fifty pounds.

(iii) A person shall not write on any electoral claim as his own name (a) the name of another person; or (b) any name not being his own name. Penalty—Fifty pounds.

This space to be filled in by the Electoral Registrar.

Received (date)—  
Registered (date)—  
Acknowledged (date)—  
Initials—

N.B.—An elector may only have his name placed upon the Roll for the Subdivision in which he lives. A map and description of the boundaries of the Subdivision may be inspected at, and Electoral Forms for public use may be obtained from, any Post Office.

Form 3.

[Front of Form.]

Regulation 9 (1).

Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ELECTORAL CLAIM.

To the Elector whose name appears on back hereof.

Your electoral claim dated \_\_\_\_\_ has been received and, pursuant thereto,  
your communication dated \_\_\_\_\_ your enrolment for the \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision of the Division of  
has been effected or adjusted as required.

POINTS FOR ELECTOR TO REMEMBER—

1. You should bear in mind the name of the Subdivision and Division for which you are enrolled and retain this acknowledgement as evidence of your enrolment.
2. Voting at Commonwealth Elections and Referendums is compulsory.
3. Correct enrolment is compulsory, therefore—
  - (a) If you change your place of living from the address in the Subdivision for which you are enrolled to another address in the same Subdivision you should, within 21 days after making such change, notify the Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of your new address, in the prescribed form.\*
  - (b) If you change your place of living to any other subdivision you should, after you have lived in that Subdivision for a period of one month, send or deliver to the Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision a claim for transfer of enrolment, in the prescribed form,\* within 21 days after the expiration of that period.

Failure to comply with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) above will render you liable to a penalty not exceeding £2 (Two pounds).

\*Obtainable at any post office.

Electoral Registrar for the above-named Subdivision.

Date— \_\_\_\_\_ Address— \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—An elector who is only temporarily absent from his place of living, although the period of such absence may exceed one month, is not thereby deemed to have changed his place of living for the purposes of transfer of enrolment, or change of address on the Roll.

DIRECTIONS TO REGISTRAR.—The Registrar will strike out the words "Electoral claim" or the word "communication" as the case requires.

[Back of Form.]

O.H.M.S.

Commonwealth Electoral  
Paper only.

Post Free.

To

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Form 4.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
The *Commonwealth Electoral Act*.  
State of—

Regulation 10.

## NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF ENROLMENT.

To the Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of— Division of—

You are requested to remove from the Roll for the abovementioned Subdivision the name of each elector set out in Column 1 herein, on the ground that the elector has now been enrolled by me, in pursuance of a claim for transfer of enrolment, for the Subdivision specified in Column 2 opposite the elector's name.

(1) Particulars appearing in claim for transfer received by me.				(2)	(3)	(4) (To be filled in by Registrar to whom notification addressed.)		
Surname.	Christian Names (in full)	Occupation.	Sex.	Subdivision for which Elector has now been enrolled.	Address of Elector in Subdivision Roll kept by you as set out in Paragraph 4 of claim for transfer received by me.	Name removed (date).	Elector's Number on Roll (if name in print) or Date of Enrolment (if name in manuscript).	Remarks.

Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision (or Subdivisions) specified in Column 2.

Electoral Division of—

Dated the                      day of                      19                      .

Received (date)—

Acted upon and forwarded to  
Divisional Returning Officer  
(date)—

Signature of Registrar—

Form 5.

Regulation 11 (2).

Commonwealth of Australia.  
The *Commonwealth Electoral Act*.

State of—

Electoral Division of—

## NOTIFICATION TO CLAIMANT OF REFERENCE OF ELECTORAL CLAIM.

To—

As I am not satisfied that you are entitled to be enrolled in pursuance of your claim, dated the                      , I am referring the claim to the Divisional Returning Officer for his decision.

Upon receipt of the Divisional Returning Officer's decision you will be duly notified in accordance therewith.

Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of—

Address—

Dated the                      day of                      19                      .

Form 6.

Regulation 12 (2).

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

Electoral Division of—

## NOTIFICATION TO CLAIMANT OF REJECTION OF ELECTORAL CLAIM.

To—

You are hereby notified that your claim to be enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of the abovenamed Division has been rejected by the Divisional Returning Officer on the ground that [*here specify reason for rejection*].

You are entitled, at any time within one calendar month after the receipt of this notification, to appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction for an order directing that your name may be added to the Roll.

Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of—

Address—

Dated the                      day of                      19 .

Form 7.

Regulation 13.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

Electoral Division of—

## NOTIFICATION TO CLAIMANT OF FORMAL DEFECT IN ELECTORAL CLAIM.

To—

Your claim to be enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of the abovenamed Division is defective by reason of [*here set out nature of defect*].

\*The Claim is forwarded herewith for completion or correction, and return to me without delay.

\*Please complete the accompanying fresh form of Claim and return it to me without delay.

Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of—

Address—

Dated the                      day of                      19 .

\* The Registrar will strike out whichever of these paragraphs is not applicable to the case.

Form 8.

Regulation 14.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Consecutive No.

State of

## CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF NAMES OF ELECTORS FROM ROLL.

To the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of

I certify that each elector named in Column (1) has ceased to be qualified for enrolment on the Roll for the Subdivision specified in Column (2) opposite his name, and has secured enrolment for the Subdivision specified in Column (3) opposite his name.

(1) Surname, Christian Names, Place of Living, Occupation and Sex.	(2) Subdivision for which Elector has ceased to be entitled to be enrolled.	(3) Subdivision and Division for which Elector has now been enrolled.		(4) (To be filled in by Registrar.)			
		Subdivision.	Division.	Name removed (date).	Form 9 issued (date).	Elector's Number on Roll (if name in print) or Date of Enrolment (if name in manuscript).	Remarks.

Commonwealth Electoral Officer

for the State of

Date / / 19 .

Received (date)—

Acted upon and returned to Divisional  
Returning Officer (date)—

Signature of Registrar—

To the Electoral Registrar

for the Subdivision or Subdivisions specified  
in Column (2) above.

You are directed to remove the name of each of the abovenamed electors from the Roll on which it appears, as specified in Column (2), and to forthwith notify the elector in Form 9. You will specify in Column (4) the action taken by you, and return this form to me for transmission to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer.

Divisional Returning Officer.

Date / / 19 .

Form 9.

Regulation 15.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of

NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF NAME FROM ROLL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
47 (1) (h) OF THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

To

[The full Christian names and surname to be inserted].

Occupation—

Address—

[as appearing on the Roll for the Subdivision from which the name has been removed].

Your name has been removed from the Electoral Roll for the

Subdivision of the Division of

on the ground that you have changed your place of living and have secured enrolment  
for the Subdivision of the Division ofIf you desire to make any representations in regard to this matter, your communication  
may be written in the space provided for the purpose at the foot of this form, and should  
be sent to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State ofElectoral Registrar  
for the Subdivision of

Date / / 19 .

Reply (if any).

Personal Signature of Elector

Present place of living

Witness to Signature

(Being an elector or person qualified to be an elector).

Occupation

Place of living

Dated the day of 19 .

Form 10.

Regulation 16.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ENROLMENT CONSEQUENT UPON ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES  
OF DIVISIONS OR SUBDIVISIONS.

To—

You are hereby informed that your name has in accordance with the provisions of  
Section 28 of the Act been removed from the Roll for the  
Subdivision of the Electoral Division of  
and has been placed on the Roll for the Subdivision of the Electoral  
Division of

Electoral Registrar for the Subdivision of—

or

Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State of—

(as the case requires).

Address—

Dated the day of 19 .





Form 12—*continued.*

You have the option of having the alleged contravention dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State (thus avoiding costs of Court) or by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

If you desire to have the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, you must fill in and sign, in the presence of a witness who must be an elector, or a person qualified to be an elector, of the Commonwealth, the form of consent at the foot of the attached declaration form and send it or deliver it to me so as to reach me not later than the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

If you desire to answer the allegation you may send or deliver to me, so as to reach me not later than the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, a declaration in the attached form setting out any facts relevant to the matter.

If your answer be accepted as a satisfactory reply to the allegation, no further action will be taken, and no further notice will be sent to you.

If it be decided to proceed with the case and you have forwarded within the specified time your consent to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, your declaration will be considered by him. If you have not consented within the specified time to the matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer your declaration will be forwarded to the Court by which your case is to be dealt with.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Divisional Returning Officer  
for the Division of \_\_\_\_\_

Form 12A.

Regulation 18.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act.*

State of \_\_\_\_\_ Electoral Division of \_\_\_\_\_

DECLARATION OF PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42 OF THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

(a) Here insert matter declared to. Where the matter is long it should be set out in numbered paragraphs.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare (a) \_\_\_\_\_

(Personal Signature)

(Date)

I, the undersigned, being an elector, or a person qualified to be an elector, of the Commonwealth, certify that I have seen the above-named person sign the above declaration.

(Signature of Witness)—

(Occupation)—

(Address)—

NOTE—Any person who makes an untrue statement in an electoral paper is guilty of an offence, and is liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act*.

State of Electoral Division of

CONSENT OF PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42 [*here insert number of sub-section*] OF THE ACT TO THE MATTER BEING DEALT WITH BY THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR THE STATE.

To the Divisional Returning Officer  
for the Division of

I, of  
having received from you a notification alleging that I have contravened the provisions of Section 42 [*here insert number of sub-section*] of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*, hereby consent to have the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, and I undertake to abide by his decision thereon, and to pay the amount of the penalty (if any) that he may impose.

(Personal Signature)

(Address)

(Date) / /

Witness—

This form must be signed in the presence of, and attested by, <sup>*an elector,*</sup> ~~a Police, Stipendiary or Special Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for taking Declarations or Affidavits,~~ <sup>*or a person qualified to be, an elector,*</sup> ~~of the Commonwealth.~~

Form 14.

Regulation 22.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of

Electoral Division of

NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY IMPOSED BY COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR CONTRAVENTION OF SECTION 42 [here insert number of sub-section] OF COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

To

You are informed that pursuant to your notification of consent dated the day of 19 , the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State has dealt with the matter of your contravention of Section 42 [here insert number of sub-section] of the Commonwealth Electoral Act and that he has imposed upon you a penalty of

You are hereby required to pay the amount to me not later than the day of 19 .

The amount may be paid at my office in cash or may be remitted to me by Postal Note or Money Order, made payable to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of . Upon payment of the penalty an official receipt will be handed to you or forthwith sent to you by post.

Unless you comply with the requirements of this notification within the time allowed herein, steps will be taken to recover the penalty in a court of summary jurisdiction.

Divisional Returning Officer  
for the Division of

(Address)

(Date)

Form 15.

Regulation 26 (1).

[Form to be used by an Elector for the same Electoral Subdivision or by an Officer (not being a Registrar) when lodging an objection.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

Electoral Division of—

NOTICE OF OBJECTION.

To the Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of—

I object to the name of

No. on Roll.	Surname.	Christian Names at full length.	Place of Living as appearing on Roll.	Occupation.	Place of Abode for time being, if known to the objector.

being retained on the Electoral Roll for the of the Division of that [here insert ground of objection].

Subdivision , on the ground

(Signature)—

(Occupation)—

(Address)—

Dated the

day of

19 .



Form 17.

Regulation 27.

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO PERSON OBJECTED TO ON THE GROUND OF NON-RESIDENCE.  
To the person objected to, whose name and address appear on the back hereof.

Notice is hereby given that an objection has been lodged with me by [*here insert the name and description of the objector*] objecting to your name being retained on the Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of [*here insert name of Subdivision*] of this Division, on the ground that you do not live in the Subdivision and have not so lived for at least one month last past.

You are entitled at any time within twenty days from the posting of this notice to answer the objection either orally or in writing.

If you intend to answer the objection orally you should attend at my Office at [*here insert address of office*] between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, or between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon on a Saturday, before the expiration of twenty days from the posting of this notice.

If you claim that your place of living is still in the Subdivision, and you do not desire to attend at my office for the purpose of answering this objection orally, you should with the least delay, but before the expiration of twenty days from the posting of this notice—

- (a) complete, personally sign, and date the reply at the foot hereof in the presence of a witness; and
- (b) fold the notice so that the address "Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of \_\_\_\_\_" shall be visible, and send or deliver the notice to me with reply attached.

If you have ceased to live in the Subdivision as alleged you need not reply to this objection.

If you answer the objection, notice of the decision on the objection will be sent to you.

If you fail to answer the objection within twenty days from the posting of this notice, the objection will be determined, and your name may be struck off the Roll, but no notice of the decision on the objection will be sent to you.

Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of—

Postal Address—

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

## REPLY.

(To be completed only if the elector claims that his place of living is still in the Subdivision.)

1. I am the Elector whose enrolment is objected to in this notice.
2. My place of living is still in the Subdivision of [*here insert name of Subdivision*], for which I retain my qualification for enrolment.

Personal Signature of Elector—

(To be made in presence of Witness.)

Address in Subdivision—

Witness to Signature—

(Being an Elector or person qualified to be an Elector.)

Occupation—

Place of Living—

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

## Form 17—continued.

[Back of Form.]

Signature and Address of Sender—

Divisional Returning Officer for the  
Division ofCommonwealth Electoral  
Papers Only.

Post Free.

M

[Here insert full Christian names and surname, occupation, and place of abode for the time being, if known to the Divisional Returning Officer, or, if no so known, place of living as appearing on Roll.]

Signature and Address of Sender—

Commonwealth Electoral  
Papers Only.

Post Free.

The Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer

for the Division of

Postal Address

Form 18.

Regulation 28.

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO PERSON OBJECTED TO ON A GROUND OTHER THAN THAT OF  
NON-RESIDENCE.

To the person objected to, whose name and address appear on the back hereof.

Notice is hereby given that an objection has been lodged with me by [here insert the name and description of the objector] objection to your name being retained on the Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of [here insert name of Subdivision] of this Division, on the following grounds, namely :—[Here insert grounds of objection.]

You are entitled at any time within twenty days from the posting of this notice to answer the objection either orally or in writing.

## Form 18—continued.

If you intend to answer the objection orally you should attend at my Office at [here insert address of office] between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, or between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon on a Saturday, before the expiration of twenty days from the posting of this notice.

If you claim that you are qualified for the enrolment objected to, and do not desire to attend at my office for the purpose of answering this objection orally, you should with the least delay, but before the expiration of twenty days from the posting of this notice—

- (a) complete, personally sign, and date the reply at the foot hereof in the presence of a witness; and
- (b) fold the notice so that the address "Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of \_\_\_\_\_" shall be visible, and send or deliver the notice to me with reply attached.

If you are not qualified for the enrolment objected to, you need not reply to this objection.

If you answer the objection, notice of the decision on the objection will be sent to you.

If you fail to answer the objection within twenty days from the posting of this notice, the objection will be determined, and your name may be struck off the Roll, but no notice of the decision on the objection will be sent to you.

Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of—

Postal Address—

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .

## REPLY.

(To be completed only if the Elector claims that he is qualified for the enrolment objected to.)

I am the Elector whose enrolment is objected to in this notice, and I claim that I am qualified for such enrolment.

My reasons for so claiming are as follow :—

[Here set forth reasons relied upon as an answer to the objection.]

Personal Signature of Elector—

(To be made in presence of Witness.)

Address in Subdivision—

Witness to Signature—

(Being an Elector or person qualified to be an Elector.)

Occupation—

Place of Living—

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .



Form 18—continued.  
[Back of Form.]

Signature and Address of Sender—

Divisional Returning Officer for the  
Division of

Commonwealth Electoral  
Papers Only.

Post Free.

M

[Here insert full Christian names and surname, occupation, and place of  
abode for the time being, if known to the Divisional Returning Officer, or, if not  
so known, place of living as appearing on Roll.]



Signature and Address of Sender—

Commonwealth Electoral  
Papers Only.

Post Free.

The Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer

for the Division of

Postal Address

Form 19.

Regulation 31.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF OBJECTION.

To—

Notice is hereby given that I have considered the objection lodged by [here set out  
the name of objector] to the retention of the name of [here set out name of person objected  
to] on the Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of the Division  
of— and have decided—

- (a) to remove the said name from the said Electoral Roll ;
- (b) to dismiss the objection and to retain the said name on the said Electoral  
Roll.

(Note.—Strike out sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) as the case requires.)

If aggrieved by this decision you may, at any time within one calendar month after  
the receipt of this notice, appeal against the decision to a court of summary jurisdiction.

Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of—

Dated this

day of

19 .

Form 20.

Regulation 33.

Commonwealth of Australia.

*The Commonwealth Electoral Act.*

State of—

NOTIFICATION BY A CANDIDATE IN A SENATE ELECTION OF DESIRE TO HAVE NAME  
GROUPED WITH THE NAMES OF OTHER CANDIDATES.

To

The Commonwealth Electoral Officer  
for the State of

I, [here insert full Christian names and surname], of \_\_\_\_\_, being  
duly nominated as a candidate in the Senate Election for the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192 , do hereby notify you that I desire  
to have my name included in a group of candidates in the said Election with the  
names of [here insert full Christian names and surnames of other candidates in proposed  
group] and with those names only.

Dated the

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 192 .  
Signature of Candidate.

Witness to Signature—

Name  
Address  
Occupation

an elector or person qualified to be an elector of the Commonwealth.

Form 21.

Regulation 34.

Commonwealth of Australia.

*The Commonwealth Electoral Act.**The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.*

UNDERTAKING TO BE MADE BY OFFICERS AND SCRUTINEERS.

I [here insert name, address, and occupation] do hereby promise and undertake that I  
will faithfully perform the duties of [here insert name of office held by the person signing  
undertaking] to the best of my understanding and ability, and that I will not directly  
or indirectly attempt to influence the vote of any elector, or, except by recording my vote  
as allowed by law, the result of any election or referendum, and that I will not disclose  
any knowledge officially acquired by me touching the vote of any elector, except in reply  
to a question which I am legally bound to answer.

Signature—

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .

Witness to signature—

Form 22.

Regulation 40.

This application should be made and sent, after the issue of the Writ for the  
election to which it relates and before polling day, to the Divisional Returning Officer  
for the Division for which the elector is enrolled; but if the elector has reason to believe  
that it may not in the ordinary course of post reach that officer so as to enable him to  
send a Postal Vote Certificate and Postal Ballot-paper to the elector in time to permit of  
his voting at the election, the application may, for purposes of expedition, be made  
and sent to some other Divisional Returning Officer.

Unless the application reaches the Divisional Returning Officer to whom it is addressed  
before six o'clock in the afternoon of the day immediately preceding the polling day for  
the election, a Postal Vote Certificate or Postal Ballot-paper shall not be issued in respect  
of it.

Form 22—continued.

In order that a Postal Ballot-paper may be admitted to the scrutiny it should be posted or delivered to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, so as to reach him before the close of the poll. If, however, time does not permit of that course, it may be posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer, or to any Assistant Returning Officer, or delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, but in any such case it must reach such officer before the close of the poll.

NOTE.—If on polling day an elector will be within the State for which he is enrolled, but will not be within the Subdivision for which he is enrolled, he may vote as an absent voter at any polling place prescribed for any other Subdivision in the State. An elector voting as an absent voter will be required on polling day to inform the Presiding Officer the name of the Subdivision and Division for which he is enrolled.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

Number.....	Postal	Votes	Certificate
	and Postal		and Postal
	issued	/ / 19	Ballot-paper
Initials of the			
Divisional Re-			
turning Officer			
for the Division			
of.....			

APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE AND POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.  
To the Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of (1)

(1) Here insert name of Division to which application is being sent.

Surname.	Christian Names (in full).	Place of Living as appearing on Roll.	Occupation.

(2) Here insert I, (2) Christian names, surnames, place of living, and occupation as appearing on the Roll.

hereby apply for a Postal Vote Certificate and a Postal Ballot-paper (or Postal Ballot-papers) to enable me to vote by post at the next forthcoming Election.

NOTE.—“Election” in this application means a Senate Election, or a House of Representatives Election, or any Referendum (held under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act in force for the time being), or all of them, as the case requires.

I declare—

(3) Here insert name of Sub-division for which enrolled.

(1) That I am an elector enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the (3) Subdivision of the Division of (4)

(4) Here insert name of Division for which enrolled.

(2) That my answers to the following questions are true and correct in every particular:—

Question.

Applicant's Answer.

(The following question (A) must be answered by the applicant.)

(A) Is your real place of living within the Division in respect of which you claim to vote?

(The following question (B) must be answered by the applicant if his answer to question (A) is in the negative.)

(B) Was your real place of living, at any time within the three months immediately preceding the the date fixed for the polling at the election, within the Division in respect of which you claim to vote?

NOTE.—If answer to Question (A) is “Yes,” the applicant is not required to answer Question (B).

NOTE.—The words “real place of living” in questions (A) and (B) include the place of living to which a person, temporarily living elsewhere, has a fixed intention of returning for the purpose of continuing to live thereat.

(3) That the ground on which I apply to vote by post is—

(a) That I will not throughout the hours of polling on polling day be within the State for which I am enrolled;

(b) That I will not throughout the hours of polling on polling day be within five miles by the nearest practicable route of any polling booth open in the State for which I am enrolled for the purposes of an election;

Form 22—continued.

- (c) That I will throughout the hours of polling on polling day be travelling under conditions which will preclude me from voting at any polling booth in the State for which I am enrolled ;
- (d) That I am seriously ill or infirm, and by reason of such illness or infirmity will be precluded from attending at any polling booth to vote ;
- (e) That I will, by approaching maternity, be precluded from attending at any polling booth to vote.

NOTE.—The elector *must strike out* any of these grounds which do not apply to his or her particular case.

(4) That my place of living at the time when the Postal Vote Certificate and the Postal Ballot-paper (or Postal Ballot-papers) would be delivered in the ordinary course of post, will be as follows :—

.....  
 .....

An elector shall not make, and a person shall not induce an elector to make, any false statement in an application for a Postal Vote Certificate and a Postal Ballot-paper, or in the declaration contained in such application.

Penalty : Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for one month.

Signed by the applicant in his own handwriting in my presence—  
 Signature of Witness—

.....  
 (in own handwriting).

(A person whose name appears on a roll as an elector of the Commonwealth.)

Signature of Applicant—

.....  
 (in own handwriting).

Address of Witness—

Dated at                      the                      day of                      19                      .

OBLIGATIONS OF ELECTOR WITNESSING AN APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE AND POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

An Elector shall not witness the signature of any elector to an application for a Postal Vote Certificate and Postal Ballot-paper unless—

- (a) he has satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant ;
- (b) he has seen the applicant sign the application in his (the applicant's) own handwriting ; and
- (c) he knows that the statements contained in the application are true, or has satisfied himself by inquiry from the applicant or otherwise that the statements contained in the application are true.

The elector witnessing the application shall sign his name in his own handwriting on the application in the space provided for the purpose, and shall add the date.

Any such elector shall not persuade or induce, or associate himself with any person in persuading or inducing, any person to make application for a Postal Vote Certificate and Postal Ballot-paper.

Penalty : Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for one month.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO POST OR DELIVER APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE AND POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

Any person to whom an application for a Postal Vote Certificate and Postal Ballot-paper is entrusted by a voter for the purpose of posting or delivery to a Divisional Returning Officer and who fails to forthwith post or deliver the application shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for one month.

Form 23.

Regulation 41.

Commonwealth of Australia.

No.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

## POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled (subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act), to vote by post in respect of the Division of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ at the Senate Election or House of Representatives Election, or any Referendum, to be held on Saturday, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, or all of them, as the case requires.

Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Signed by the Voter (*in his own handwriting*) in my presence—Signature of Authorized Witness (*in his own handwriting*)—Title under which Witness acts as  
Authorized Witness—Signature of Voter (*in his own handwriting*)—

Address—

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED WITNESSES.—The following persons are authorized witnesses, namely:—[Here insert the List of Persons who are prescribed to be authorized witnesses.]

No person who is a candidate at any election shall be an authorized witness at that election.

NOTES.—(1) *should* The attention of the Voter and authorized witness is specially directed to the necessity of strictly observing the instructions indorsed on the back of each postal ballot-paper, and to the fact that this envelope containing the postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers (after having been marked by the voter) *must* be forthwith posted or delivered to the Divisional Returning Officer to whom it is addressed, so as to reach him before the close of the poll, and that if time does not permit of that course, it may be posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer or any Assistant Returning Officer or delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, but so as to reach such officer before the close of the poll.

(2) Any person to whom an envelope containing or purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper or postal ballot-papers is entrusted by a voter for the purpose of posting or delivery to a Divisional Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer, or delivery to a Presiding Officer, and who fails to forthwith post or deliver the envelope, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for one month.

[Front of Form.]

The elector should carefully read the directions for his guidance printed on the back of this ballot-paper, and in particular note that he must not mark his vote thereon until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of [here insert name of State]

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

ELECTION OF [here insert number] SENATORS.

POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

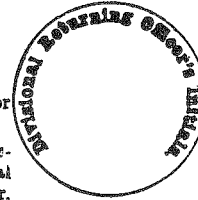
Candidates.

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NOTE.—The letter "A" or "B" or "C" &c., appearing before the square opposite a candidate's surname, indicates that that candidate and each other candidate who has the same letter appearing before the square opposite his surname have been grouped by mutual consent. The fact that no letter appears before the square opposite a candidate's surname indicates that the name of that candidate has not been included in any group.

## Form 24—continued.

[Back of Form.]

*Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness.*

- (a) The elector shall exhibit his unmarked postal ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness.
- (b) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate, in the place provided for the signature of the voter.
- (c) The authorized witness shall then and there sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness, and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness and the date.
- (d) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, mark his vote on this ballot-paper by placing in the squares respectively opposite the names of at least ..... candidates the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on, up to and inclusive of the number ....., so as to indicate the order of his preference for such candidates, and, if there are any more candidates, may in addition indicate the order of his preference for as many of them as he pleases by placing in the squares respectively opposite their names other numbers next in numerical order after those already used by him, and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and hand it so folded to the authorized witness.
- (e) The authorized witness shall then and there place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer.
- (f) If the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, a person appointed by the elector shall mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper in the presence of the authorized witness, and shall then and there fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered to the Divisional Returning Officer. Provided that if no person is appointed by the elector, the authorized witness, if so requested by the elector, shall take the action required by this paragraph to be taken by a person appointed by the elector.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Directions, in any case in which a postal ballot-paper, if posted or delivered as provided in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of these Directions, would not reach the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, before the close of the poll, the envelope in which the ballot paper is enclosed may be addressed to and posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer, or to an Assistant Returning Officer, or may be delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, and the Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or Presiding Officer, as the case may be, shall deal with it in the prescribed manner.

*Further Directions to Authorized Witness.*

The authorized witness shall not, unless the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (f) of the preceding Directions, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

**Every authorized witness shall—**

- (a) comply with the preceding directions in so far as they are to be complied with on his part ;
- (b) see that the preceding directions are complied with by every elector voting by post before him, and by every person present when the elector votes ; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

**Penalty :** One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

Form 24—continued.

*Duty of Persons Present when an Elector Votes by Post.*

Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness ; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) of the above Directions—
  - (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote ;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote ;
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he might become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

*Penalty for Unlawfully marking Ballot-paper.*

No person other than—

- (a) an elector to whom a postal ballot-paper has been issued ; or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness, acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) of the Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness, assisting an elector whose sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon a postal ballot-paper.

Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for six months.

Form 25.

Regulation 42 (3).

[Front of Form.]

The elector should carefully read the directions for his guidance printed on the back of this ballot-paper, and in particular note that he must not mark his vote thereon until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of [here insert name of State].

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Electoral Division of—

ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

CANDIDATES.

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Form 28—continued.

[Back of Form.]

*Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness.*

(a) The elector shall exhibit his unmarked postal ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness.

(b) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate, in the place provided for the signature of the voter.

(c) The authorized witness shall then and there sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness, and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness and the date.

(d) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, mark his vote on this ballot-paper by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes as his first preference; and must give contingent votes for all the remaining candidates by placing the numbers 2, 3, 4 (and so on, as the case requires), in the squares opposite their names, so as to indicate the order of his preference for them, and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and hand it so folded to the authorized witness.

(e) The authorized witness shall then and there place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer.

(f) If the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, a person appointed by the elector shall mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper in the presence of the authorized witness, and shall then and there fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer. Provided that if no person is appointed by the elector, the authorized witness, if so requested by the elector, shall take the action required by this paragraph to be taken by a person appointed by the elector.

(g) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Directions, in any case in which a postal ballot paper, if posted or delivered as provided in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of these Directions, would not reach the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, before the close of the poll, the envelope in which the ballot-paper is enclosed may be addressed to and posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer or to an Assistant Returning Officer, or may be delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, and the Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer or Presiding Officer, as the case may be, shall deal with it in the prescribed manner.

*Further Directions to Authorized Witness.*

The authorized witness shall not, unless the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (f) of the preceding Directions, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) comply with the preceding directions in so far as they are to be complied with on his part;

Form 25—*continued.*

- (b) see that the preceding directions are complied with by every elector voting by post before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

*Duty of Persons Present when an Elector Votes by Post.*

Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) of the above Directions—
- (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote;
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he might become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

*Penalty for Unlawfully marking Ballot-paper.*

No person other than—

- (a) an elector to whom a postal ballot-paper has been issued, or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) of the Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness, assisting an elector whose sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon a postal ballot-paper.

Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for six months.

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Form 26.

Regulation 42 (5)

[Front of Form.]

The elector should carefully read the directions for his guidance printed on the back of this ballot-paper, and in particular note that HE MUST NOT MARK HIS VOTE THEREON until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of {here insert name of State}.

Form 26—continued.  
POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSED LAW FOR THE ALTERATION OF THE  
CONSTITUTION.

1. Do YOU APPROVE of the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled  
[here set out the title of the proposed law] ?

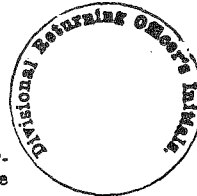
YES.

NO.

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*Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness.*

- (a) The elector shall exhibit his unmarked postal ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness.
- (b) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate, in the place provided for the signature of the voter.
- (c) The authorized witness shall then and there sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness, and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness and the date.
- (d) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, indicate his vote on this ballot-paper as follows :—
- IF HE APPROVES of the proposed law he should MAKE A CROSS in the square opposite the word " YES " ;
- IF HE DOES NOT APPROVE of the proposed law he should MAKE A CROSS in the square opposite the word " NO " ;
- and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and hand it so folded to the authorized witness.
- (e) The authorized witness shall then and there place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer.
- (f) If the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, a person appointed by the elector shall mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper in the presence of the authorized witness, and shall then and there fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer. Provided that if no person is appointed by the elector, the authorized witness, if so requested by the elector, shall take the action required by this paragraph to be taken by a person appointed by the elector.



## Form 26—continued.

(g) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Directions in any case in which a postal ballot-paper, if posted or delivered as provided in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of these Directions, would not reach the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, before the close of the poll, the envelope in which the ballot-paper is enclosed may be addressed to and posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer, or to an Assistant Returning Officer, or may be delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, and the Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or Presiding Officer, as the case may be, shall deal with it in the prescribed manner.

## FURTHER DIRECTIONS TO AUTHORIZED WITNESS.

The authorized witness shall not, unless the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (f) of the preceding Directions, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) comply with the preceding directions in so far as they are to be complied with on his part;
- (b) see that the preceding directions are complied with by every elector voting by post before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

## DUTY OF PERSONS PRESENT WHEN AN ELECTOR VOTES BY POST.

Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) of the above Directions—
  - (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote;
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he might become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

## PENALTY FOR UNLAWFULLY MARKING BALLOT-PAPER.

No person other than—

- (a) an elector to whom a postal ballot-paper has been issued, or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness, acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) of the Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness, assisting an elector whose sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon a postal ballot-paper.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for six months.

Form 27.

Regulation 42 (5).

[Front of Form.]

The elector should carefully read the directions for his guidance printed on the back of this ballot-paper, and in particular note that HE MUST NOT MARK HIS VOTE THEREON until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of [here insert name of State].

## POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER—SPECIAL FORM.

SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF PROPOSED LAWS FOR THE ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

1. DO YOU APPROVE OF the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled [here set out the title of the proposed law] ?

YES.

NO.

2. DO YOU APPROVE OF the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled [here set out the title of the proposed law] ?

YES.

NO.

(Additional ballot-papers (numbered consecutively) in similar form may be included in this form.)

[Back of Form.]

Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness.

(a) The elector shall exhibit his unmarked postal ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness.

(b) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate, in the place provided for the signature of the voter.

(c) The authorized witness shall then and there sign his name in his own handwriting on the postal vote certificate in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness, and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness and the date.

(d) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, indicate his vote on this ballot-paper IN RELATION TO EACH PROPOSED LAW AS FOLLOWS:—

IF HE APPROVES OF the proposed law he should MAKE A CROSS in the square opposite the word "YES";

IF HE DOES NOT APPROVE OF the proposed law he should MAKE A CROSS in the square opposite the word "NO";

and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and hand it so folded to the authorized witness.



## Form 27—continued.

(e) The authorized witness shall then and there place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer.

(f) If the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, a person appointed by the elector shall mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper in the presence of the authorized witness, and shall then and there fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, place the ballot-paper in the envelope addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer, fasten the envelope, and hand it to the voter, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the Divisional Returning Officer. Provided that if no person is appointed by the elector, the authorized witness, if so requested by the elector, shall take the action required by this paragraph to be taken by a person appointed by the elector.

(g) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Directions in any case in which a postal ballot-paper, if posted or delivered as provided in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of these Directions, would not reach the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division in respect of which the elector claims to vote, before the close of the poll, the envelope in which the ballot-paper is enclosed may be addressed to and posted or delivered to any other Divisional Returning Officer, or to an Assistant Returning Officer, or may be delivered on polling day to any Presiding Officer, and the Divisional Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, or Presiding Officer, as the case may be, shall deal with it in the prescribed manner.

## FURTHER DIRECTIONS TO AUTHORIZED WITNESS.

The authorized witness shall not, unless the elector's sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance, and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (f) of the preceding Directions, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) comply with the preceding directions in so far as they are to be complied with on his part;
- (b) see that the preceding directions are complied with by every elector voting by post before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

## DUTY OF PERSONS PRESENT WHEN AN ELECTOR VOTES BY POST.

Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) of the above Directions—
  - (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote;
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he might become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

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No person other than—

- (a) an elector to whom a postal ballot-paper has been issued, or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) of the Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness, assisting an elector whose sight is so impaired that he cannot vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon a postal ballot-paper.

Penalty: One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for six months.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

**ABSENT VOTER'S DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON POLLING DAY BY AN ELECTOR VOTING AT  
A POLLING PLACE OTHER THAN A POLLING PLACE PRESCRIBED FOR THE SUBDIVISION  
FOR WHICH HE IS ENROLLED.**

I declare that I am the person enrolled as—

Surname.	Christian Names at full length.	Place of Living (as appearing on Roll).	Occupation.

on the Electoral Roll for the \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision of the Electoral Division  
of \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I have not been and  
shall not be to-day within the Subdivision for which I am enrolled under conditions  
which would permit of my voting at any polling place prescribed for that Subdivision,  
and that I have not voted at this or any other polling place, or by post, in connexion with  
the election being held this day; and I promise and declare that if I am permitted to  
vote at this polling place as an absent voter I will not again vote in connexion with this  
election.

I am aware that if I falsely personate or attempt to personate any other person for  
the purpose of securing a ballot-paper to which I am not entitled, or wilfully make any  
false statement in this declaration, I will be prosecuted, and am liable to two years'  
imprisonment.

NOTE.—“ Election ” in this declaration means a Senate Election, or a House of Representatives  
Election, or any Referendum (held under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration)  
Act in force for the time being), or all of them, as the case requires.

Personal Signature of Elector.  
Signed before me the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ polling place.

Presiding Officer.

*Directions.*

1. This form of declaration must, after being filled up, be signed by the elector with  
his personal signature in the presence of the Presiding Officer, and then be completed  
and attested by the Presiding Officer.

2. The Presiding Officer shall then (subject to the provisions of Regulations 46 to 50  
inclusive) initial and hand to the voter—

- (a) one ballot-paper (headed “ Absent Vote ”) for the Senate election for the  
above-mentioned State ;
- (b) one ballot-paper (headed “ Absent Vote ”) for the House of Representatives  
election for the above-mentioned Division ; and
- (c) one ballot-paper (headed “ Absent Vote ”) for each referendum for the above-  
mentioned State

held on the date upon which this declaration is made.

3. The elector will then forthwith—

- (i) retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the polling booth and there,  
in private, mark his vote on each ballot-paper handed to him, in the manner  
directed thereon.
- (ii) fold each ballot-paper separately in such a manner as to conceal the vote  
marked thereon, and at once return the ballot-paper or ballot-papers (as  
the case requires) so folded, to the Presiding Officer before whom he made  
his declaration.

4. The Presiding Officer will see that he receives from the Elector each ballot-paper  
duly folded, and, if necessary for purposes of identification, will request the Elector to  
again state his name, and then, without unfolding the ballot-paper or ballot-papers, will  
forthwith, in the presence of the elector and of such scrutineer or scrutineers (if any) as  
are present, enclose the ballot-paper or ballot-papers received from that elector, in the  
envelope bearing the declaration of the elector and addressed to the Divisional Returning  
Officer for the Division for which the elector declares that he is enrolled, securely fasten  
the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

ABSENT VOTE.

BALLOT-PAPER.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of [here insert name of State].

Election of [here insert number] Senators.

Directions.

The elector should retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the booth, and there, in private, mark his vote on this ballot-paper by placing in the squares respectively opposite the names of at least..... candidates the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on, up to and inclusive of the number....., so as to indicate the order of his preference for such candidates, and if there are any more candidates may in addition indicate the order of his preference for as many of them as he pleases by placing in the squares respectively opposite their names other numbers next in numerical order after those already used by him. fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and return it to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration. The Presiding Officer will then, in the presence of the elector, without unfolding the ballot-paper, forthwith place it in the envelope bearing the declaration of the elector, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

Candidates.

A	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

NOTE.—The letter "A" or "B" or "C" &c., appearing before the square opposite a candidate's surname, indicates that that candidate and each other candidate who has the same letter appearing before the square opposite his surname have been grouped by mutual consent. The fact that no letter appears before the square opposite a candidate's surname indicates that the name of that candidate has not been included in any group.



It is the duty of the Presiding Officer, before issuing this ballot-paper to an elector, to fill in the name of the Division for which the elector declares that he is enrolled and the names of all the candidates for that Division, if not already printed thereon.

## ABSENT VOTE.

## BALLOT-PAPER.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of [here insert name of State].

Electoral Division of [here insert name of Division].

**Election of One Member of the House of Representatives.**

*Directions.*

The elector should retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the booth, and there, in private, mark his vote on this ballot-paper by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes as his first preference; and must give contingent votes for all the remaining candidates by placing the numbers 2, 3, 4 (and so on, as the case requires), in the squares opposite their names, so as to indicate the order of his preference for them, fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and return it to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration. The Presiding Officer will then, in the presence of the elector, without unfolding the ballot-paper, forthwith place it in the envelope bearing the declaration of the elector, securely fasten the envelope and deposit it in the ballot-box.

*Candidates.*

	_____
	_____
	_____

Form 31.

Regulation 33.

ABSENT VOTE.

BALLOT-PAPER.

Commonwealth of Australia.

*The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.*State of [*here insert name of State*].*Directions.*

The voter should retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the booth, and there, <sup>①</sup> in private, indicate his vote as follows:—

**If he approves** of the proposed law he should **make a cross** in the square opposite the word "Yes";

**If he does not approve** of the proposed law he should **make a cross** in the square opposite the word "No";

and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and return it to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration. The Presiding Officer will then, in the presence of the elector, without unfolding the ballot-paper, forthwith place it in the envelope bearing the declaration of the elector, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

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*Submission to the Electors of a Proposed Law for the Alteration of the Constitution.*

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**Do you approve** of the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled [*here set out the title of the proposed law*] ?

**Yes.**

**No.**

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## ABSENT VOTE.

## SPECIAL FORM OF BALLOT-PAPER.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of [here insert name of State].

*Directions.*

The voter should retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the booth, and there, in private, indicate his vote in relation to each proposed law as follows:—

If he approves of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word "Yes";

If he does not approve of the proposed law he should make a cross in the square opposite the word "No";

and shall fold the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and return it to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration. The Presiding Officer will then, in the presence of the elector, without unfolding the ballot-paper, forthwith place it in the envelope bearing the declaration of the elector, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

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*Submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the Alteration of the Constitution.*

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1. Do you approve of the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled [here set out the title of the proposed law]?

Yes.

No.

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2. Do you approve of the proposed law for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled [here set out the title of the proposed law]?

Yes.

No.

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(Additional ballot-papers (numbered consecutively) in similar form may be included in this form).

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## Commonwealth of Australia.

## The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

## The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

FORM OF DECLARATION TO BE USED AT THE POLLING BY A PERSON CLAIMING TO VOTE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 121 OF THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT WHO DECLARES THAT HIS NAME HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM, OR STRUCK OUT OF, THE CERTIFIED LIST OF VOTERS FOR THE POLLING PLACE AT WHICH HE CLAIMS TO BE ENTITLED TO VOTE, OWING TO AN ERROR OF AN OFFICER, OR A MISTAKE OF FACT.

I [here insert name in full of person claiming to vote] of [here insert full address and occupation] declare:—

That I am entitled to be enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the [here insert name of Subdivision] Subdivision of the Electoral Division of [here insert name of Division]; in the State of [here insert name of State].

That after becoming qualified for enrolment for such Subdivision I sent or delivered to the Registrar for the Subdivision a duly completed claim for enrolment (or transfer of enrolment), and that my claim was received by the Registrar before 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the [here insert date of issue of writ], that is, before the issue of the writ for the election being held this day;

That from the time of sending or delivering my claim to the Registrar and up to the issue of the writ as aforesaid, I continuously retained my right to be enrolled for the Subdivision and did not become qualified for enrolment for any other Subdivision;

That to the best of my knowledge and belief my name has been struck out of, or omitted from, the Certified List of Voters for this polling place owing to an error of an officer or a mistake of fact, and not as the result of an objection on the ground of non-residence or other disqualification, or in consequence of the transfer or duplication of my enrolment.

NOTE.—“Election” in this Declaration means a Senate Election, or a House of Representatives Election, or any Referendum (held under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act in force for the time being), or all of them, as the case requires.

Personal Signature of Voter—

Signed before me the  
polling place.

day of 19 at

Presiding Officer.

NOTE.—A person making any untrue statement in this declaration is liable to a penalty of Twenty pounds.

## Directions.

1. This form of declaration must, after being filled up, be signed by the Voter with his personal signature in the presence of the Presiding Officer and then be completed and attested by the Presiding Officer.

2. The Presiding Officer shall then (subject to the provisions of section 115 of the Act) initial and hand to the voter—

- (a) one ballot-paper (headed “Section 121”) for the Senate election for the above-mentioned State;
- (b) one ballot-paper (headed “Section 121”) for the House of Representatives election for the above-mentioned Division; and
- (c) one ballot-paper (headed “Section 121”) for each referendum for the above-mentioned State,

held on the date upon which this declaration is made.

3. The Voter will then forthwith—

- (i) retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the polling booth and there, in private, mark his vote on each ballot-paper handed to him, in the manner directed thereon;
- (ii) fold each ballot-paper separately in such a manner as to conceal the vote marked thereon, and at once return the ballot-paper or ballot-papers (as the case requires) so folded, to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration.

4. The Presiding Officer will see that he receives from the Voter each ballot-paper duly folded, and, if necessary for purposes of identification, will request the Voter to again state his name, and then, without unfolding the ballot-paper or ballot-papers, will forthwith, in the presence of the Voter and of such Scrutineer or Scrutineers (if any) as are present, enclose the ballot-paper or ballot-papers received from that Voter, in the envelope bearing the declaration of the Voter and addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the Division for which the Voter claims to be entitled to vote, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Commonwealth Electoral Act.  
The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

FORM OF DECLARATION TO BE USED AT THE POLLING BY A PERSON CLAIMING TO  
VOTE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 91A OR SECTION 121A OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT.

Polling Place at which elector claims to vote  
Subdivision of \_\_\_\_\_ Division of \_\_\_\_\_  
I, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of (b) \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Name in full (as appearing on Roll). (b) Address in full (as appearing on Roll).  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ declare that :—

*One of these forms should be struck out as the case requires—should be struck out.*

- (c) Occupation (as appearing on Roll).
- (1) My name appears on the certified list of voters used at the above-named polling place opposite the number \_\_\_\_\_ on the said list.
- (2) I claim to vote under the provisions of Section 91A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. I have not received a postal vote certificate or a postal ballot-paper in connexion with any Commonwealth election being held this day, notwithstanding that my name has been noted on the said list as that of an elector to whom a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper have been issued.
- (3) I claim to vote under the provisions of Section 121A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. I have not voted in connexion with any Commonwealth election being held this day, notwithstanding that a mark has been placed opposite my name on the said list to indicate that a ballot-paper has been issued to me at the polling.

NOTE.—“ Election ” in this declaration means a Senate Election, or a House of Representatives Election, or any Referendum (held under the provisions of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act in force for the time being), or all of them, as the case requires.

Personal Signature of Voter

Signed before me the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1927, at the above-named polling place.

Presiding Officer.

NOTE.—A person making any untrue statement in this declaration is liable to a penalty of Twenty Pounds.

Directions.

1. This form of declaration must, after being filled up, be signed by the Voter with his personal signature in the presence of the Presiding Officer, and then be completed and attested by the Presiding Officer.

2. The Presiding Officer shall then (subject to the provisions of Section 115 of the Act) initial and hand to the voter—

- (a) one ballot-paper headed “ Section 91A ” or “ Section 121A ” (as the case requires) for the Senate Election for the above-mentioned State;
- (b) one ballot-paper headed “ Section 91A ” or “ Section 121A ” (as the case requires) for the House of Representatives Election for the above-mentioned Division; and
- (c) one ballot-paper headed “ Section 91A ” or “ Section 121A ” (as the case requires) for each Referendum for the above-mentioned State, held on the date upon which this declaration is made.

3. The voter will then forthwith (i) retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the polling booth and there, in private, mark his vote on each ballot-paper handed to him, in the manner directed thereon; (ii) fold each ballot-paper separately in such a manner as to conceal the vote marked thereon, and at once return the ballot-paper or ballot-papers (as the case requires) so folded, to the Presiding Officer before whom he made his declaration.

4. The Presiding Officer will see that he receives from the voter each ballot-paper duly folded, and if necessary for purposes of identification, will request the voter to again state his name, and then without unfolding the ballot-paper or ballot-papers, will forthwith, in the presence of the voter, and of such scrutineer or scrutineers (if any) as are present, enclose the ballot-paper or ballot-papers received from that voter, in the envelope bearing the declaration of the voter and addressed to the Divisional Returning Officer for the above-mentioned Division, securely fasten the envelope and deposit it in the ballot-box.

X      Y      X      X      X      X  
X      Y      Y      Y      Y      X

*Form 35 omitted*  
*Form 36 omitted*

Form 37.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of.....

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

Division of ..... Subdivision of.....

LIST OF THE NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ELECTORS ENROLLED FOR THE ABOVE-NAMED SUBDIVISION OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DIVISION WHO DID NOT VOTE AT THE ELECTION (or REFERENDUM, as the case may be) HELD ON SATURDAY, THE.....DAY OF....., 19 ..

I,....., of....., Divisional Returning Officer for the Commonwealth Electoral Division of....., do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names on the within print of the roll for the above-mentioned Subdivision against which a mark indicating the electors who voted at the election (or referendum, as the case may be) has not been placed, constitute the list of the names and descriptions of the electors enrolled for the said Subdivision who did not vote at the election (or referendum, as the case may be), held on Saturday, the....., and that the said list was prepared by me pursuant to sub-section (2.) of section 128A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (add, in the case of a referendum, as applied by the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act).

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922, conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

Declared at.....the.....day of....., 19 ..

....., Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....

Before me--

....., J.P.

Form 38.

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act. (Section 128A (4)).

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of.....

Division of ..... Subdivision of.....

No. on roll.....

NOTIFICATION TO ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO HAVE FAILED TO VOTE.

To the elector whose name and address appear on the back hereof.

You are notified that you appear to have failed to vote at the election (or referendum, as the case may be) held under the Commonwealth Electoral Act (or Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act, as the case may be) on Saturday, the....., and you are hereby called upon, in pursuance of section 128A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (add, in the case of a referendum, as applied by the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act), to give a valid, truthful, and sufficient reason why you failed so to vote.

You are required to--

- (a) state, in the form at the foot of this notice, the true reason why you failed so to vote.
(b) complete and personally sign the form, and have it witnessed by an elector or a person qualified to be an elector.

Form 37—continued.

(c) fold the form so that the address, "Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....," shall be visible, and post it so as to reach me on or before the\*.....

Divisional Returning Officer for the above-named Division.

Address.....

Date....., 19 .

NOTE.—If the elector to whom this notice is addressed is unable, by reason of absence from his place of living or physical incapacity, to fill up, sign, and post the form at the foot hereof within the time specified in the form, any other elector who has personal knowledge of the facts may fill up, sign, and post the form, duly witnessed, within that time, and the filling up, signing, and posting of the form will be treated as compliance by the first-mentioned elector with the requirements of this notice.

\* Not being less than twenty-one days after the posting of this notice.

Form 39.

FORM OF DECLARATION TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DIVISIONAL RETURNING OFFICER.

I.....do hereby declare that the following is the true reason why I\*.....failed to vote at the election (or referendum, as the case may be) held under the Commonwealth Electoral Act (or Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act, as the case may be), on Saturday, the .....day of....., 19....

†..... Personal Signature of Elector.....

I, the undersigned, being an elector or a person qualified to be an elector of the Commonwealth, certify that I have seen the above-named elector sign the above declaration.

Signature of witness (in own handwriting)..... Occupation..... Address.....

Date....., 19....

\* Where this form is filled up on behalf of an absent or physically incapacitated elector, the word "I" must be struck out, and the name of such elector inserted. † Here set out the precise and true reason for having failed to vote.

[Back of Form.]

Commonwealth Electoral Papers Only.

Post Free.

From—The Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....

M.....

Every elector who—

- (a) fails to vote at an election (or referendum, as the case may be) without a valid and sufficient reason for such failure; or
(b) on receipt of a notice in accordance with sub-section (4) of section 128A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (add, in the case of a referendum, as applied by the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act), fails to fill up, sign, and post, within the time specified in the notice, the form (duly witnessed) attached thereto; or
(c) states in such form a false reason for not having voted or, in the case of an elector filling up or purporting to fill up a form on behalf of any other elector, states in such form a false reason why that other elector did not vote,

is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of not less than ten shillings and not more than Two Pounds.

Form 39—continued.

Commonwealth Electoral Papers only.

Post Free.

The Commonwealth Divisional Returning Officer

for the Division of.....

Form 40.

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of.....

Division of ..... Subdivision of.....

No. on roll.....

NOTIFICATION TO ELECTOR WHOSE REASON FOR FAILING TO VOTE IS HELD NOT TO BE VALID AND SUFFICIENT.

To the elector whose name and address appear on the back hereof.

You are hereby notified—

(1) that the reason given by you in your declaration dated the..... 19.., is not, in my opinion, a valid and sufficient reason for your failure to vote at the election (or referendum, as the case may be) held under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (or Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act, as the case may be), on Saturday, the.....; and

(2) that you have the option of having the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State (thus avoiding costs of Court), or by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

If you desire to have the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer, you must fill in and sign, in the presence of a witness, the form of consent at the foot hereof and send or deliver it to me, so as to reach me not later than the....., together with the sum of.....\* to be appropriated in payment or part payment of the penalty, if any, which the Commonwealth Electoral Officer may impose upon you.

In the event of the form and deposit not reaching me on or before the date set out in the preceding paragraph, it will be taken that you desire to have the matter dealt with by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

Divisional Returning Officer for the above-named Division.

Address.....

Date....., 19....

\* This amount may be paid to the Divisional Returning Officer in cash, or be remitted to him by postal note or money order made payable to "The Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of....."

Form 41.

FORM OF CONSENT TO BE USED BY AN ELECTOR WHO DESIRES TO HAVE HIS CASE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR THE STATE.

To the Divisional Returning Officer for the above-named Division.

I,....., of....., enrolled as an elector on the roll for the above-named Subdivision and Division, having failed to vote at the election (or referendum, as the case may be) held under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (or Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act, as the case may be), on Saturday, the .....day of..... 19...., and having been notified by you that the reason given by me for such failure to vote is not, in your opinion, a valid and sufficient reason for such failure, do hereby notify you that I consent to have the matter dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State, and to abide by his decision.



Form 41—continued

I enclose herewith the sum of....., and I agree that the said sum may be appropriated in payment or part payment of any penalty (not exceeding Two pounds, without costs) which the Commonwealth Electoral Officer may impose upon me.

Personal Signature of Elector.....

I, the undersigned, being an elector, or a person qualified to be an elector, of the Commonwealth, certify that I have seen the above-named elector sign the above form.

Signature of witness (in own handwriting).....

Occupation.....

Address.....

Date....., 19...

[Back of Form.]

From—The Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....

Commonwealth Electoral Papers only.

Post Free.

M.....

Form 42.

[Front of Form.]

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

State of.....

Division of..... Subdivision of.....

No. on roll.....

NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO VOTE.

To the elector whose name appears on the back hereof.

You are notified that, pursuant to your notification of consent dated the .....day of....., the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State has dealt with the matter of your contravention of paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 128A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (add, in the case of a referendum, as applied by the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act), and that he has imposed upon you a penalty of.....

The deposit made by you has been appropriated in payment (or part payment—as the case may be) of the said penalty.

.....  
Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....

Address.....

Date....., 19 .

Form 42—continued.

[Back of Form.]

From—The Divisional Returning Officer for the Division of.....

Commonwealth Electoral Papers only.

Post Free.

M.....

.....

.....

Form 43.

Commonwealth of Australia.

State of.....

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

In the Court of Petty Sessions

at.....

Between.....Informant or Complainant.

And.....Defendant.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, ....., of ....., Divisional Returning Officer for the Commonwealth Electoral Division of.....do solemnly and sincerely declare:—

(a) Informant or complainant.

(1) That I am the Divisional Returning Officer for the Commonwealth Electoral Division of....., and am the (a)..... herein, and that I am duly authorized in writing by the Chief Electoral Officer to institute these proceedings.

(2) That the defendant on the.....day of....., 19.., was enrolled as an elector on the Commonwealth electoral roll for the..... Subdivision of the Division of.....

(3) That the paper writing on the back of this declaration contains a true extract from the list prepared and endorsed by me under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act (add, in the case of a referendum, as applied by the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act), and of the Regulations made thereunder.

And I make this declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922, conscientiously believing the statements therein to be true in every particular.

Declared at.....the.....day of....., 19 .

Before me.....

NOTE.—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for four years.

A Statutory Declaration may be made before—

- (i) A Police Stipendiary or Special Magistrate, or a Justice of the Peace; or
- (ii) A Commissioner for Affidavits; or
- (iii) A Commissioner for Declarations.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

FORM 44.

State of.....

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Division of.....

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.

Subdivision of.....

Extract from LIST OF THE NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ELECTORS ENROLLED FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DIVISION WHO DID NOT VOTE AT THE ELECTION (OR REFERENDUM, AS THE CASE MAY BE) HELD ON SATURDAY, the .....

No. on roll.	Name and Description of Elector.	Notification to Elector, Sub-section (4.), Section 128A. of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. Date sent.	Elector's Reply.			Further action under Regulation 80.			Subsequent proceedings (if any).
			Date to be in hands of Divisional Returning Officer.	Whether Received by Divisional Returning Officer. (a)	Whether reason stated in reply is in the opinion of the Divisional Returning Officer, a valid and sufficient reason for failure to vote.	Notification to Elector that reply is not considered a valid and sufficient reason for failure to vote. Date sent.	Consent of Elector to matter being dealt with by the Commonwealth Electoral Officer.	Date to be in hands of the Divisional Returning Officer.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

(a) Insert in this column "Yes" and date of receipt if a reply has been received, or "No" if a reply has not been received.

.....  
Divisional Returning Officer  
for the Division of.....

Section 128A (11.) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act provides:—  
Each copy of the list prepared and indorsed by the Divisional Returning Officer, indicating—

- (a) the names of the electors who did not vote at the election\* ;
- (b) the names of the electors from whom or on whose behalf the Divisional Returning Officer received, within the time allowed under sub-section (5.) of this section, forms properly filled up and signed ; and

(c) the names of the electors who failed to reply within that time ;  
and any extract therefrom, certified by the Divisional Returning Officer under his hand, shall in all proceedings be prima facie evidence of the contents of such list or extract, and of the fact that the electors whose names appear therein did not vote at the election,\* and that the notice specified in sub-section (4.) of this section was received by those electors, and that those electors did or did not (as the case may be), comply with the requisitions contained in the notice within the time allowed under sub-section (5.) of this section.

\* By section 4 of the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act, a reference to an election in the Commonwealth Electoral Act shall be read as a reference to a referendum.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

Sec. 152 RETURN OF MONEY EXPENDED OR EXPENSE INCURRED IN CONNEXION WITH AN ELECTION  
(TO BE FURNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 152 OF THE ACT).

(1) Here set out the name of the trades union, organization, association, league, body of persons, or the name of the person, as the case requires. Moneys to the following amounts have been expended, and expenses to the following amounts have been incurred by (1)

(2) Here insert particulars of the election. in connexion with the election held on the day of 19 for (2)

(3) Here set out the name of the candidate or the names of the candidates and the name of any political party on behalf of or in the interests of which the expenditure was incurred. and such amounts were expended or such expense was incurred on behalf of or in the interests of (3)

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>I. Preparing Articles, Reports, Advertisements, Notices or other matter.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred in preparing (a) Articles and Reports, (b) Advertisements and Notices, or (c) other matter, including matter appearing in newspapers, and matter printed on cards or in the form of handbills, posters, pamphlets, or otherwise (4)						
(4) Here set out the names and addresses of persons to whom amounts have been paid or are to be paid, the amount paid or to be paid to each, and the nature of the service.						
Total .. ..						
<i>II. Articles or other matter in Newspapers.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred in connexion with the insertion of articles or other matter in newspapers (5)						
(5) Here set out the names of newspapers, the dates on which the articles or other matter appeared, the nature of the articles or other matter, and the amounts paid or to be paid for the insertion thereof. The particulars in respect of each newspaper are to be separately stated.						
Total .. ..						

Form 45—continued.

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>III. Reports in Newspapers of Speeches or Addresses.</b>						
Money expended or expense incurred for the insertion in newspapers of reports of addresses or speeches (6)						(6) Here set out the names of the newspapers in which the reports appeared, the nature of the addresses or speeches, the dates on which they appeared and the name of the person making the speech or delivering the address, and the amount paid or to be paid. The particulars as regards each newspaper are to be separately stated.
Total .. .. .						
<b>IV. Advertisements or Notices in Newspapers.</b>						
Money expended or expense incurred in connexion with the insertion of advertisements or notices in newspapers (7)						(7) Here set out the names of the newspapers in which the advertisements or notices appeared, the dates on which the advertisements or notices appeared, the nature of the advertisements or notices, and the amounts paid or to be paid for the insertion thereof. The particulars in respect of each newspaper are to be separately stated.
Total .. .. .						
<i>Printing Articles, Reports, Advertisements, Notices or other matter (other than in Newspapers).</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred in printing (a) Articles and Reports, (b) Advertisements and Notices, or (c) other matter, including matter printed on cards or in the form of handbills, posters, pamphlets, or otherwise (8)						(8) Here set out the names and addresses of persons to whom amounts have been paid or are to be paid, the amount paid or to be paid to each, and the nature of the service.
Total .. .. .						
<b>VI. Publishing, Issuing, and Distributing Articles, Reports, Advertisements, Notices or other matter.</b>						
Money expended or expense incurred in publishing, issuing, and distributing (a) Articles and Reports, (b) Advertisements and Notices, or (c) other matter, including matter printed on cards or in the form of handbills, posters, pamphlets, or otherwise (8)						
Total .. .. .						

Form 45—continued.

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>VII. Miscellaneous Expenses.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred but not accounted for under any other head provided in this return (9)						
(9) Here set out under separate heads precise particulars of the service for which the money was expended or the expense was incurred, together with the names of the persons concerned and the amount paid or to be paid to each person.						
Total .. ..						

SUMMARY OF MONEY EXPENDED OR EXPENSE INCURRED, AS SHOWN IN THE FOREGOING RETURN.

Head	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. .. .. .						
II. .. .. .						
III. .. .. .						
IV. .. .. .						
V. .. .. .						
VI. .. .. .						
VII. .. .. .						
Totals .. ..						

(10) Here insert I or We, and the names, addresses, and descriptions of the persons making the return.

do solemnly and sincerely declare that this return is true in every particular.

Declared and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

Justice of the Peace.

Form 46.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Commonwealth Electoral Act.  
State of—

Regulation 91

## NOTICE UNDER COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT, SECTION 152 (8).

To—

Take notice that I, the Chief Electoral Officer for the Commonwealth, hereby require you, within from the date of this notice, to make a return, in accordance with Section 152 of the above-named Act, of any money expended or expense incurred by [here insert you or your trades union registered or unregistered, organization, association, or league or the body of persons of which you are the president (or the chairman or the secretary or an officer) as the case requires] in connexion with the [here insert the election or elections in connexion with which the return is required]—

- (a) on behalf of, or in the interests of, any candidate; or  
(b) on behalf of, or in the interests of, any political party; or  
(c) in printing, publishing, or issuing electoral advertisements or notices, or procuring the insertion in any newspaper of any advertisement, article, or report, or matter intended or calculated to affect the result of the said election (or elections).

Dated this                      day of                      19                      Chief Electoral Officer.

Form 47.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Commonwealth Electoral Act.  
State of—

Regulation 92.

RETURN BY PROPRIETOR OR PUBLISHER OF A NEWSPAPER OF ELECTORAL MATTER  
PUBLISHED THEREIN IN RESPECT OF WHICH PAYMENT HAS BEEN OR IS TO BE MADE. Sec. 152.

Title of newspaper—  
Place where published—  
Name of proprietor—

The amount of electoral matter in connexion with the election hold on the  
day of                      19                      for—\*

inserted in the above paper in respect of which payment has been or is to be made, the space occupied by such matter, the amount paid or owing in respect of such matter, and the names and addresses of the trades unions (registered or unregistered), organizations, associations, leagues, bodies of persons, or persons authorizing the insertion thereof are as follows:—[Here set out in the proper columns the date and particulars as regards each article, advertisement, report of speech, paragraph, or other electoral matter inserted in the paper and for the insertion of which payment has been or is to be made. The following specimens of particulars may be taken as guides.]

\* Here insert particulars of the election.

Date.	Particulars of Electoral Matter.	Amounts paid or owing for insertion.
1918.		£ s. d.
Dec. 2	Article headed "Aims of the Buff Party," 1½ columns, inserted by authority of Samuel Grey, 14 Yollow-street, Buff Town, Secretary of the Buff Party	5 5 0
" 3	Advertisement announcing candidature of William Drab, for the Buff Town Division, ½ column, inserted by authority of William Drab, of 25 White-street, Buff Town, gentleman	1 1 0
" 4	Report of Speech by William Drab, delivered at Town Hall, Buff Town, on 3 Feb., 2 columns, inserted by his authority	7 7 0
" 5	Paragraph, "Points for the Buff Town electors," ½ column, inserted by authority of Samuel Grey, 14 Yollow-street, Buff Town, Secretary of the Buff Party	2 2 0

I, —\*

do solemnly and sincerely declare that this return is true in every particular.  
Declared and subscribed before me this                      day of                      19

Justice of the Peace,

\* Here set out name and address of person making return, and whether proprietor or publisher of the newspaper.

Form 48.

Regulation 95.

Commonwealth of Australia.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act.

State of—

Division of [here insert name of Division if for the House of Representatives]—

FORM OF WITHDRAWAL BY CANDIDATE OF CONSENT TO NOMINATION.

(Section 80 of Act.)

To the [here insert Commonwealth Electoral Officer in the case of a Senate Election or Divisional Returning Officer in the case of a House of Representatives Election].

I [here insert Christian names, surname, place of residence, and occupation] do hereby withdraw my consent to nomination as [here insert a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives, as the case may be], dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

[Personal signature of Candidate.]

Dated at [here insert place] the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Witness—

NOTE.—To be signed in the presence of the Officer with whom the nomination was lodged or of a justice of the peace.

Form 49.

Regulation 96.

This copy of the writ was received by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the statement made out and signed by me pursuant to sub-section 14 (a) of Section 135 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act and attached hereto is correct in every particular.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby return this copy of the writ to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Divisional Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of \_\_\_\_\_



Commonwealth of Australia.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.  
State of—

RETURN OF MONEY EXPENDED OR EXPENSE INCURRED IN CONNEXION WITH A REFERENDUM OR REFERENDUMS (TO BE FURNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 35 OF THE REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) ACT).

Moneys to the following amounts have been expended and expenses to the following amounts have been incurred by (1) within three months before the date of taking the vote at the Referendum (or Referendums) held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, for the submission of a proposed law (or proposed laws) entitled (2)

in connexion with the Referendum or Referendums, and such amounts were expended or such expense was incurred (3) the proposed law submitted to the electors at the Referendum or Referendums.

Sec. 35.

(1) Here set out the name of the trades union, organization, association, league, body of persons, or the name of the person, as the case requires.

(2) Here set out the title of the proposed law (or proposed laws). When two or more Referendums are being held on the same day, the particulars as regards all the Referendums may be included in one return.

(3) Here state whether the money was expended, or the expense incurred in favour of the proposed law or in opposition to the proposed law.

(4) Here set out the names and addresses of persons to whom amounts have been paid or are to be paid, the amount paid or to be paid to each, and the nature of the services.

(5) Here set out the names of newspapers, the dates on which the articles or other matter appeared, the nature of the articles or other matter, and the amounts paid or to be paid for the insertion thereof. The particulars in respect of each newspaper are to be separately stated.

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>I. Preparing Articles, Reports, Advertisements, Notices or other matter.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred in preparing (a) Articles and Reports, (b) Advertisements and Notices, or (c) other matter, including matter appearing in newspapers, and matter printed on cards or in the form of handbills, posters, pamphlets, or otherwise (4)						
Total .. ..						
<i>II. Articles or other matter in Newspapers.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred in connexion with the insertion of articles or other matter in newspapers (5)						
Total .. ..						



Form 50--continued.

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>VII. Miscellaneous Expenses.</i>						
Money expended or expense incurred but not accounted for under any other head provided in this return (9)						
Total	..	..	..			

(9) Here set out under separate heads precise particulars of the service for which the money was expended or the expense was incurred, together with the names of the persons concerned and the amount paid or to be paid to each person.

SUMMARY OF MONEY EXPENDED OR EXPENSE INCURRED, AS SHOWN IN THE FOREGOING RETURN.

	Amounts Paid.			Expenditure Incurred but not yet Paid.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Head I.	..	..	..			
" II.	..	..	..			
" III.	..	..	..			
" IV.	..	..	..			
" V.	..	..	..			
" VI.	..	..	..			
" VII.	..	..	..			
Totals	..	..	..			

(10)

(10) Here insert I or We, and the names, addresses and descriptions of the persons making the return.

do solemnly and sincerely declare that this return is true in every particular.

Declared and subscribed before me at  
day of 19

the

Justice of the Peace.

Form 51.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.  
State of—

Regulation 103.

NOTICE UNDER REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) ACT, SECTION 35 (9).

To—

Take notice that I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Electoral Officer for the Commonwealth, hereby require you, within \_\_\_\_\_ from the date of this notice, to make a return, in accordance with Section 35 of the above-named Act, of any money expended or expenses incurred, within three months before the date of taking the vote at the undermentioned referendum (or referendums), by [here insert you or your trades union, registered or unregistered, organization, association, or league or the body of persons of which you are the president (or the chairman or the secretary or an officer) as the case requires] in connexion with the [here insert the referendum or referendums in connexion with which the return is required]—

- (a) in support of the proposed law (or laws) submitted to the electors at the said referendum (or referendums); or
- (b) in opposition to the proposed law (or laws) submitted to the electors at the said referendum (or referendums); or
- (c) in printing, publishing, or issuing advertisements or notices, or procuring the insertion in any newspaper of any advertisement, article, or report, or matter intended or calculated to affect the result of the said referendum (or referendums).

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Chief Electoral Officer.

Form 52.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.  
State of—

Regulation 104

RETURN BY PROPRIETOR OR PUBLISHER OF A NEWSPAPER OF MATTER RELATING TO A REFERENDUM, PUBLISHED THEREIN WITHIN THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF TAKING THE VOTE AT THE REFERENDUM IN RESPECT OF WHICH PAYMENT HAS BEEN OR IS TO BE MADE.

Title of newspaper—

Place where published—

Name of proprietor—

The amount of matter in connexion with the Referendum (or Referendums) held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ for the submission to the electors of a proposed law (or proposed laws) entitled—(1)

(1) Here insert the title of the proposed law (or proposed laws). (Where two or more referendums are being held on the same day the particulars as regards all the Referendums may be included in one return).

inserted in the above paper within three months before the date of taking the vote at the said Referendum (or Referendums) in respect of which payment has been or is to be made, the space occupied by such matter, the amount paid or owing in respect of such matter, and the names and addresses of the trades unions (registered or unregistered), organizations, associations, leagues, bodies of persons, or persons authorizing the insertion thereof are

## Form 52—continued.

as follows:—[Here set out in the proper columns the date and particulars as regards each article, advertisement, report of speech, paragraph, or other matter in connexion with the referendum, inserted in the paper, and for the insertion of which payment has been or is to be made.]

Date.	Particulars.	Amounts paid or owing for insertion.
		£ . s. d.

I,—(2)

(2) Here set out name and address of person making the return, and whether proprietor or publisher of the newspaper.

do solemnly and sincerely declare that this return is true in every particular.

Declared and subscribed before me this                      day of                      19

Justice of the Peace.