

## CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL 2005

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- Clause 1.** Contains the short title.
- Clause 2.** Provides that the commencement date is to be fixed by proclamation.
- Clause 3.** Provides that the amendments are to the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* (WA) (“the Act”).
- Clause 4.** Amends section 14 of the Act firstly by deleting the provisions which prohibit the President having a deliberative vote and which provide the President, where the votes are equal, with a casting vote. Secondly it provides that the President is, in all cases, entitled to a deliberative vote and that when votes in the Legislative Council are equal the question is resolved in the negative.