

Western Australia

Electoral Amendment (Access to Ministers) Bill 2017

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Introduced by Hon Ms Alison Xamon, MLC)

**Electoral Amendment (Access to Ministers)
Bill 2017**

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Electoral Act 1907*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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1 **1. Short title**

2 This is the *Electoral Amendment (Access to Ministers)*
3 *Act 2017*.

4 **2. Commencement**

5 This Act comes into operation as follows —

- 6 (a) sections 1 and 2 — on the day on which this Act
7 receives the Royal Assent;
8 (b) the rest of the Act — on the day after that day.

9 **3. Act amended**

10 This Act amends the *Electoral Act 1907*.

11 **4. Section 176 inserted**

12 At the end of Part VI Division 5 insert:
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14 **176. Ministerial access not to be used to raise political**
15 **funds**

16 (1) In this section —

17 ***Minister*** means a Minister in the Government;

18 ***political fundraising event*** means a function,
19 gathering, meeting or other event a purpose of which is
20 to raise funds for —

- 21 (a) a political party or an associated entity; or
22 (b) a candidate or group in an election; or
23 (c) a person to whom section 175Q applies.

24 (2) A person must not promote a political fundraising
25 event in a way that indicates —

- 26 (a) that a Minister will be present at the event; and

1 (b) that other persons attending the event will have
2 access to the Minister at the event or in
3 association with the event.

4 Penalty for this subsection: a fine of \$10 000.

5 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the promotion of the
6 event indicates that the Minister will be present at the
7 event in the Minister's capacity as a member of
8 Parliament and not in the Minister's capacity as a
9 Minister.

10 (4) A person must not organise, hold or conduct a political
11 fundraising event that is promoted in a way that
12 contravenes subsection (2).

13 Penalty for this subsection: a fine of \$10 000.

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