

Constitution and Electoral Amendment Bill 2016

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Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Introduced by Hon Mr Martin Aldridge, MLC)

**Constitution and Electoral Amendment
Bill 2016**

A Bill for

An Act to amend —

- **the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899*; and**
- **the *Electoral Act 1907*.**

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Short title

This is the *Constitution and Electoral Amendment Act 2016*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation as follows —

- (a) Part 1 — on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent (*assent day*);
- (b) the rest of the Act —
 - (i) on 12 March 2017; or
 - (ii) if a date other than 11 March 2017 is fixed, under the *Electoral Act 1907*, for the polling in the next general election for the Assembly, on the day after that polling day.

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**Part 2 — Electoral districts, and members of the
Assembly, increased from 59 to 61**

Division 1 — *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* amended

3. Act amended

This Division amends the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899*.

4. Section 18 amended

In section 18 delete “59” and insert:

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Division 2 — *Electoral Act 1907* amended

5. Act amended

This Division amends the *Electoral Act 1907*.

6. Section 16C amended

In section 16C(1) delete “59” and insert:

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1 **Part 3 — Redistribution after the next general election:**
2 **transitional provisions**

3 **7. Act amended**

4 This Part amends the *Electoral Act 1907*.

5 **8. Section 16L amended**

6 (1) In section 16L(1) insert in alphabetical order:

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8 *commencement day* means the day on which the
9 *Constitution and Electoral Amendment Act 2016* Part 2
10 comes into operation;

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12 (2) In section 16L(1) in the definition of *previous electoral*
13 *distribution* delete “26 February 2005.” and insert:

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15 commencement day.

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17 (3) In section 16L(2):

18 (a) delete “repeal of the *Electoral Distribution Act 1947* by
19 section 8 of the *Electoral Amendment and Repeal*
20 *Act 2005*,” and insert:

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22 amendments effected by the *Constitution and Electoral*
23 *Amendment Act 2016* Part 2,

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25 (b) in paragraphs (a) and (b) delete “the commencement of
26 the *Electoral Amendment and Repeal Act 2005*; and”
27 and insert:

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29 commencement day; and

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(c) in paragraph (c)(i) delete “the commencement of the *Electoral Amendment and Repeal Act 2005*; or” and insert:

commencement day; or

(d) in paragraph (c)(iii) delete “the commencement of the *Electoral Amendment and Repeal Act 2005*.” and insert:

commencement day.

Note: The heading to amended section 16L is to read:

Transitional provisions for amendments to law after 2017 general election

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