

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2016

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- Clause 1** Contains the short title.
- Clause 2** Provides that Part 1 of this Bill come into operation on assent. The remainder of the Bill will come into operation on 12 March 2017 which is the day following the date set for the next general election for the Assembly. Should a date be set for the next general election for the Assembly other than 11 March 2017, then the remainder of the Bill will come into operation on the day following that date.
- Clause 3** Provides that amendment shall be made to the *Constitutions Acts Amendment Act 1899*.
- Clause 4** Amends section 18 of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* by increasing the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 59 members to 61 members.
- Clause 5** Provides that amendment shall be made to the *Electoral Act 1907*.
- Clause 6** Amends section 16C(1) of the *Electoral Act 1907* by increasing the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 59 members to 61 members.
- Clause 7** Provides that amendment shall be made to the *Electoral Act 1907*.
- Clause 8** Amends section 16L(1) and 16L(2) of the *Electoral Act 1907* to allow for transitional provisions. The transitional provisions provide for the alteration to the constitution of the Assembly to not take place until following the next general election for the Assembly. This would in effect not increase the membership of the Assembly until the 2021 general election and would allow for the distribution of new boundaries in accordance with Part IIA, Division 3 of the *Electoral Act 1907*.