

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



ANNO TERTIO

EDWARDI SEPTIMI REGIS.

XI.

No. 11 of 1903.

AN ACT to provide for the Election of Senators for Western Australia to the Senate of the Commonwealth.

[Assented to 11th December, 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the *Election of Senators Act*, Short title. 1903.

2. THE Governor may, by Proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette* not less than seven days before the issue of the Power to fix places and dates.

writ for any election of Senators for the State of Western Australia, fix the places at which such election shall be held, and the dates for:—

- (a.) The nomination ;
- (b.) The polling ; and
- (c.) The declaration of the poll and return of the writ ;

and so far as any of such places and times may be mentioned in the writ for the election, they shall be in accordance with the times and places fixed by such Proclamation.

Limits within which dates may be fixed.

3. THE date for nomination shall not be less than seven or more than twenty-one days after the date of the writ.

The date for polling shall not be less than seven or more than thirty days after the date for the nomination of candidates.

The date for the return of the writ shall not be more than sixty days after the date of the writ.

Dates and places to be specified in writ.

4. THE writ shall bear date as of the day of issue and the dates fixed for the nomination of candidates, the polling, and the return of the writ, and the place appointed for the nomination of candidates shall be specified therein.

Time for nomination.

5. NOMINATION must be made at any time after the issue of the writ and before twelve o'clock noon on the day of nomination.

Polling places.

6. THE polling shall be taken at all polling places within the State appointed under the law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force for the regulation of Parliamentary elections.

Hours of poll.

7. THE poll shall be open at eight o'clock in the morning and shall not close until all electors in the polling booth at seven o'clock in the evening and desiring to vote have voted.

Power to extend times.

8. WITHIN twenty days before or after the day appointed for the election, the Governor may, by notice published in the *Government Gazette*, provide for extending the time for holding the election or for returning the writ, or meeting any difficulty which might otherwise interfere with the due course of the election, and any provision so made shall be valid and sufficient.

Communication may be by wire.

9. IN all cases where it is impracticable to communicate any writ, proclamation, or notice by post without occasioning undue delay, any telegraphic advice communicated in the ordinary course shall suffice for all purposes of this Act as if the matter telegraphed had been communicated in manner provided by this Act.