

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

No. 86 of 1984.

AN ACT to amend the Election of Senators Act 1903.

[Assented to 29 November 1984.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Election of Senators Amendment Act 1984*. Short title and principal Act.

(2) In this Act the Election of Senators Act 1903 is referred to as the principal Act. Act No. 11 of 1903 as amended by Act No. 27 of 1912.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it is assented to by the Governor.

Section 2
repealed and
substituted.

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted—

Power to
fix dates.

“ 2. For the purpose of the election of Senators for this State to the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, the Governor may, by proclamation, fix the dates for—

- (a) the close of the rolls;
- (b) the nomination of candidates;
- (c) the polling; and
- (d) the return of the writ,

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

Section 3
repealed and
substituted.

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted—

Limits
within which
dates may
be fixed.

“ 3. (1) The date fixed for the close of the rolls shall be 7 days after the date of the writ.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) the date fixed for the nomination of the candidates shall not be less than 11 nor more than 28 days after the date of the writ.

(3) Where a candidate for an election dies, after being nominated and before 12 o'clock noon on the day fixed by the writ as the date of nomination for the election, the day fixed as the day of nomination for the election shall, except for the purposes of subsection (4), be taken to be the day next succeeding the day so fixed.

(4) The date fixed for the polling shall not be less than 22 days nor more than 30 days after the date of nomination.

(5) The day fixed for the polling shall be a Saturday.

(6) The date fixed for the return of the writ shall not be more than 90 days after the date of the writ. ”.

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted—

Section 4
repealed and
substituted.

“ 4. The writ shall bear the date of the day of issue and the date fixed for the close of the rolls, the nomination of candidates, the polling and the return of the writ shall be specified therein. ”.

Date to be
specified in
writ.

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “eight o’clock in the evening” and substituting the following—

Section 7
amended.

“ six o’clock in the evening ”.
