REFERENDA ON PROPOSALS FOR MARKETING OF WHEAT, OATS AND BARLEY.

1° Elizabeth II., No. LI.

No. 51 of 1952.

AN ACT authorising the holding of referenda on proposals for the marketing of wheat, of barley, and of oats.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1952.]

 $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{E}}$ 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:----

This Act may be cited as the Referenda Short title. 1. on Proposals for Marketing of Wheat, Oats, and Barley, Act, 1952.

2. In this Act—

Interpre-

"grower" means a person by whom or on whose 1947, s. 6. behalf wheat, oats, or barley is actually grown or produced for sale; and where wheat, oats or barley is grown or produced pursuant to a share-farming agreement or partnership agreement, whether the agreement is in either case express or implied, includes any of the parties to the agreement;

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"proposal" means a proposal for the marketing of—

(i) wheat;

(ii) barley; or

(iii) oats;

and includes the provisions for marketing of wheat contained in the Wheat Marketing Act, 1947.

Referenda.

3. (1) In order to ascertain the views of growers in respect of a proposal the Minister may arrange for a ballot of the respective growers to be held at such time and in such manner as the regulations prescribe.

(2) The authority conferred upon the Minister by subsection (1) of this section may be exercised from time to time as and when a proposal is made and where there are several proposals may be exercised in order to ascertain the views of growers in respect of the several proposals.

Saving of No. 49 of 1947.

4. This Act does not affect the Wheat Marketing Act, 1947.

Cost.

5. The cost of holding a ballot under this Act and incidental expenses is payable from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Cf. No. 49 of 1947, s. 42,

6. A ballot under this Act may be held in conjunction with a ballot held under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1947.

Regulations.

7. The Governor may make such regulations as he considers necessary or convenient for the purpose of giving effect to this Act and by the regulations may without prejudice to the generality of the regulation-making power prescribe forms, fees and penalties not exceeding twenty pounds for breaches of the regulations.