

# ELECTORAL.

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No. 52 of 1980

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## AN ACT to amend the Electoral Act 1907-1979.

[Assented to 19 November 1980.]

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 *Electoral Amendment Act 1980*.

Short title  
and  
citation.

(2) In this Act the Electoral Act 1907-1979 is referred to as the principal Act.

Approved  
for reprint  
12 January  
1971;  
amended by  
Acts Nos.  
94 of 1972,  
70 of 1973,  
129 of 1976,  
and 39 and  
67 of 1979.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Electoral Act 1907-1980.

Section 187A  
inserted.

2. After section 187 of the principal Act, the following section is inserted—

Purposely  
rendering  
person  
unable to  
vote or  
incapable  
of voting.

“ 187A. (1) A person who does any act or engages in any course of conduct intending that as a result thereof another person—

(a) will be rendered; or

(b) will be encouraged or assisted to render himself,

unable to vote or mentally incapable of voting commits an offence and is liable to be punished under subsection (2) of section 188 of this Act.

(2) Subject to proof of the other elements of the offence, a person is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) notwithstanding that—

(a) the other person was not rendered or did not render himself unable or incapable as mentioned therein; or

(b) the other person did vote.

(3) An act or course of conduct which is made an offence under subsection (1) is also an illegal practice for the purposes of this Act. ” .

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