

Legislative Council—No 10

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South Australia

**Electoral (Legislative Council Voting Thresholds)
Amendment Bill 2015**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Electoral Act 1985*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral (Legislative Council Voting Thresholds) Amendment Act 2015*.

2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Electoral Act 1985*

3—Amendment of section 95—Scrutiny of votes in Legislative Council election

Section 95—after subsection (6) insert:

- (6a) If the number of first preference votes given for a candidate (other than a candidate who is a member of a group) is less than 2% of the total number of all such votes, the candidate is excluded from the count and a vote indicated on a ballot paper opposite the name of the candidate must be counted to the candidate next in the order of the voter's preference, and the numbers indicating subsequent preferences will be taken to be altered accordingly.
- (6b) If, in relation to a group of candidates, none of the candidates in the group has received a number of first preference votes equal to or greater than 2% of the total number of all such votes, the candidates in the group are excluded from the count and a vote indicated on a ballot paper opposite the name of any such candidate must be counted to the candidate next in the order of the voter's preference (not being a candidate who is a member of that group), and the numbers indicating subsequent preferences will be taken to be altered accordingly.