

**House of Assembly—No 6**

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South Australia

**Referendum (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Bill 2006**

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the submission of the *Constitution (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Amendment Bill 2006* to a referendum.

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### The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

#### 1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Act 2006*.

#### 2—The Referendum

- 5 (1) The *Constitution (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Amendment Bill 2006* must, when passed by the Parliament but before being presented to the Governor for assent, be submitted to a referendum of electors for the House of Assembly.
- (2) The question to be put to electors at the referendum is as follows:  
10 Do you approve the *Constitution (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Amendment Bill 2006*?
- (3) It is the desire of the Parliament that the day appointed for the referendum in accordance with section 10A of the *Constitution Act 1934* be the third Saturday in March 2008.

#### 3—Conduct of referendum

- 15 (1) The Electoral Commissioner is responsible for the conduct of the referendum.
- (2) The *Electoral Act 1985* applies to the referendum with adaptations, exclusions and modifications prescribed by regulation as if the referendum were a general election of members of the House of Assembly.

#### 4—Distribution to electors of arguments for and against the Bill

- 20 (1) If within 4 weeks after the passage of the *Constitution (Term of Members of the Legislative Council) Amendment Bill 2006* there is forwarded to the Electoral Commissioner—
- 25 (a) an argument in favour of the Bill, consisting of not more than 2 000 words, authorised by a majority of those members of the Parliament who voted for the Bill; or
- (b) an argument against the Bill, consisting of not more than 2 000 words, authorised by a majority of those members of the Parliament who voted against the Bill,

the Electoral Commissioner must, not later than 14 days before the voting day for the referendum, cause to be printed and to be posted to each elector, as nearly as practicable, a pamphlet containing the arguments.

- 5 (2) A pamphlet under subsection (1) may contain such other information, or be accompanied by such material, as the Electoral Commissioner thinks fit.

### **5—Appointment of scrutineers**

A political party registered under the *Electoral Act 1985* may by notice in a form approved by the Electoral Commissioner appoint one or more scrutineers for the purposes of the referendum.

10 **6—Declaration of result**

When the result of the referendum is known, the Electoral Commissioner must declare the result by notice in the Gazette.

### **7—Regulations**

- 15 The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by, or necessary or expedient for the purposes of, this Act.