

ELECTION OF SENATORS ACT, 1903.

No. 834 of 1903.

An Act to make provision for determining the times and places of elections of Senators for the State.

[Assented to 30th October, 1903.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Election of Senators Act, 1903."

Governor to fix times and places for election of senators.

2. The Governor shall, by proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette*, not less than nine days before the issue of the writ for any election of senators for the State of South Australia, fix—

- i. The places at which such election shall be held:
- ii. The date for the nomination:
- iii. The date for the polling:
- iv. The date for the declaration of the poll:

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

NOTE.—For the proper understanding of this Act it is necessary to refer to sections 9 and 12 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth which are as follows:—

Method of election of senators.

9. The Parliament of the Commonwealth may make laws prescribing the method of choosing senators, but so that the method shall be uniform for all the States. Subject to any such law, the Parliament of each State may make laws prescribing the method of choosing the senators for that State.

Times and places.

The Parliament of a State may make laws for determining the times and places of elections of senators for the State.

Issue of writs.

12. The Governor of any State may cause writs to be issued for elections of senators for the State. In case of the dissolution of the Senate the writs shall be issued within ten days from the proclamation of such dissolution.