

Act No. 58, 1901.

PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE  
ELECTION.

An Act to make better provision for the election and appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object. [10th December, 1901.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901."

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
"Clerk" means Clerk of Assembly, or any officer acting in his place.  
"Member"

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“Member” means member of the Legislative Assembly.

“Speaker” means Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

3. So much of the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1900 as are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of certain provisions of Public Works Acts.

4. (1) Within fourteen days after the commencement of the first session of every Parliament the Speaker shall fix a date, being within a further period of fourteen days from the expiration of the said period of fourteen days, up to and including which he shall receive nominations of members of the Legislative Assembly for election and appointment as members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (hereinafter styled the Committee).

Nomination and election of members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(2) Every such nomination shall be made and signed by at least five members, on a form provided by the Speaker for that purpose, and shall be delivered to the Clerk together with the written consent to his nomination of the member nominated.

(3) Where members to the number required by the said Acts, and no more or less are nominated, the Speaker shall declare such members to be elected as members of the Committee.

(4) Where members to a less number than that so required are nominated, the Speaker shall declare such members to be elected as members of the Committee, and shall at the same time declare such other members as he thinks fit, being sufficient to make up such required number, such to be elected as members of the Committee.

(5) Where members to a greater number than that so required are nominated, the Speaker shall appoint a day, being not later than the seventh day from the last day during which nominations may be received, upon which a ballot shall take place for the election of members of the Committee.

(6) Upon the day so appointed, the Clerk, for the purpose of such ballot, shall furnish every member with a ballot-paper in the form of the Schedule to this Act containing the names of the members nominated in alphabetical order of surnames.

(7) Every member shall vote by striking out the names of the members whom he does not wish to be elected, and he shall be deemed to have voted for the members whose names are not struck out on his ballot-paper. No ballot-paper shall be deemed to be valid if the member has voted for more or less members than the number to be elected.

(8) Every member after he has voted as aforesaid shall deliver his ballot-paper to the Clerk, giving him time to note as hereinafter mentioned every paper previously presented.

(9) The Clerk, on the presentation of every ballot-paper, shall place his initials against the name of the member presenting the ballot-paper on a list containing the names of all the members of the Legislative Assembly, and the list of members so initialled shall be kept on record with the other proceedings of the ballot.

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(10) The votes shall be counted by the Clerk, and the result of the ballot shall be delivered to the Speaker, together with the records of the proceedings of the ballot.

(11) The members, to such required number as aforesaid, who receive the greatest number of votes at the ballot shall be declared by the Speaker to be elected as members of the Committee. Where two or more members receive the same number of votes, the Speaker shall declare which of the said members receiving the same number of votes shall be elected.

How vacancies to be filled.

5. Where a vacancy occurs in a Committee elected under this Act, the same shall be filled by nomination and election as aforesaid within thirty-five days from the occurrence of the vacancy. If Parliament is then in session, or within thirty-five days after the next meeting of Parliament should such vacancy occur during any recess or adjournment.

Act to apply to election of members of Legislative Council on Committee.

6. The provisions of this Act shall, mutatis mutandis, be observed in the selection of members of the Legislative Council to serve on the Committee, and in carrying out such provisions the President of the Legislative Council and the Clerk of Parliaments, or officer acting in his place, shall respectively be charged with the duties and powers hereby imposed and conferred on the Speaker and Clerk respectively.

Members declared to be elected under this Act to be members of the Committee.

7. All members declared to be elected under the provisions of this Act shall be members of the Committee, and the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1900 in reference to members of the Committee appointed under that Act shall apply to members declared to be elected under this Act.

## SCHEDULE.

## FORM OF BALLOT-PAPER.

*Election of members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.*

*Names of members nominated.*

(In alphabetical order of surnames).

Andrews, Charles.

Briggs, Henry.

Carey, George.

*Directions.*

- (1.) Each member shall vote by striking out the names of the members whom he does not wish to be elected.
- (2.) He must leave uncanceled as many names as there are members to be elected, and no more or less.
- (3.) After voting, the member must deliver his paper to the Clerk, giving him time to note every paper previously presented.