

Act No. 9, 1903.

An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes. [26th November, 1903.]

SENATORS'
ELECTIONS
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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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Senators' Elections Act, 1903." Short title.

2. Sections two, three, four, five, and six of the Federal Elections Act, 1900, and the Schedule to that Act, are repealed. Repeal.

3. For the purpose of elections of Senators for New South Wales of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, the Governor may, from time to time, by order published in the Gazette, fix the dates for—
the issue of the writ;
the nomination of the candidates;
the polling; and
the return of the writ. Power to fix dates for election and place of nomination.

And may from time to time by order published as aforesaid appoint a place for the nomination of candidates.

4. (1) The date fixed for the nomination of the candidates shall not be less than three days nor more than twenty-one days after the date of the writ; but for the election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and three such date shall be not less than three nor more than twenty-one days after the date of the writ. Limits within which dates may be fixed.

(2) The date fixed for the polling shall not be less than seven days nor more than thirty days after the date for the nomination of candidates.

(3) The date fixed for the return of the writ shall not be more than sixty days after the date of the writ. **5.**

(Consolidated Revenue Fund) Appropriation.

- Dates and place of nominations to be specified in the writ.** **5.** The writ shall bear date as of the day of issue and the dates fixed for the nomination of candidates, the polling and the return of the writ and the place appointed for the nomination of candidates shall be specified therein.
- Time for nomination.** **6.** Nomination may be made at any time after the issue of the writ but before twelve o'clock noon on the day of nomination.
- Polling places.** **7.** The polling shall be taken at all polling places within the State appointed under the law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force for the regulation of Parliamentary elections.
- Hours of polling.** **8.** The poll shall be open at eight o'clock in the morning, and shall not close until all electors in the polling booth at seven o'clock in the evening and desiring to vote have voted.
- Power to extend time and make provision to meet difficulties.** **9.** Within twenty days before or after the day appointed for the polling the Governor may, by notice published in the Gazette, provide for extending the time for holding the election or for returning the writ, or meeting any difficulty which might otherwise interfere with the due course of the election; and any provision so made shall be valid and sufficient.
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