



New South Wales

Electoral Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2021

under the

Electoral Act 2017

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Electoral Act 2017*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to make special provision for by-elections held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Electoral Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Electoral Regulation 2018

Clause 9

Omit clauses 9 and 10. Insert instead—

9 By-elections during COVID-19 pandemic

- (1) This clause applies if a by-election is held during the period—
 - (a) starting at the beginning of the day on which this clause commences, and
 - (b) ending at the end of the day that is 6 months after this clause commences.
- (2) For the purposes of the Act, section 267(2)—
 - (a) the reference to 5 days in the Act, section 149(1)(a) is to be read as a reference to 14 days, and
 - (b) the reference to the fourth day in the Act, section 149(1)(b)(i) is to be read as a reference to the thirteenth day.