

[Act 1997 No 88]



New South Wales

Constitution Amendment Bill 1997

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.*

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Constitution Act 1902* so as:

- (a) to reduce the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly from 99 to 93, and
- (b) to increase the maximum number of Ministers from 20 to 21.

* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Clause 4 contains transitional provisions that will enable a redistribution of electoral districts to be undertaken before the next general election and ensure that the reduction in the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly takes effect at that general election.

Schedule 1 [1] amends section 25 of the *Constitution Act 1902* for the purpose mentioned above in paragraph (a) of the Overview.

Schedule 1 [2] amends section 35F of the *Constitution Act 1902* for the purpose mentioned above in paragraph (b) of the Overview.