

[Act 1999 No 16]



New South Wales

## **Parliamentary Committees Legislation Amendment Bill 1999 (No 2)**

### **Explanatory note**

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

### **Overview of Bill**

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to decrease by 4 the number of members of the Legislative Assembly on the following Joint Parliamentary Committees:
    - the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission,
    - the Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman and the Police Integrity Commission, and
  - (b) to decrease by 2 the number of members of the Legislative Assembly on the Regulation Review Committee, and to increase by one the number of members of the Legislative Council on that Committee, and
  - (c) to increase by one the number of members of the Legislative Assembly on the Public Accounts Committee, and
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(d) to make consequential amendments relating to the quorum requirements for those Committees.

As a result of the proposed amendments, the membership of each of the Committees referred to in paragraph (a) will decrease from 11 to 7 members, and the membership of the Regulation Review Committee will decrease from 9 to 8 members. The membership of the Public Accounts Committee will increase from 5 to 6 members. For the Committees referred to in paragraph (a), 4 members will be from the Legislative Assembly and 3 members will be from the Legislative Council. For the Regulation Review Committee, 5 members will be from the Legislative Assembly and 3 members will be from the Legislative Council. All the members of the Public Accounts Committee will continue to be from the Legislative Assembly.

The quorum for each of the Committees will be 4 members.

## Outline of provisions

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

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

**Clause 3** is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments set out in Schedule 1.

**Schedule 1** contains the amendments to the *Health Care Complaints Act 1993*, the *Ombudsman Act 1974*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* and the *Regulation Review Act 1987* referred to in the above Overview.