

**AREA HEALTH SERVICES (ELECTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL  
1989**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

Each area health board constituted under the Area Health Services Act 1986 has, as one of the members appointed by the Minister, a person known as the elected staff member who is elected in accordance with the regulations.

A person who could otherwise be nominated for election as the elected staff member cannot at present be nominated as a candidate unless, in addition to other qualifications:

- (a) he or she is a member of a prescribed industrial union or association of employees; and
- (b) the instrument of nomination is accompanied by a statutory declaration verifying that membership.

The object of this Bill is to remove those restrictions and retain the remaining qualifications so that any person who:

- (a) is an employee of the area health service; and
- (b) is nominated as a candidate by at least 2 other employees of the area health service,

is eligible to be a candidate for election as the elected staff member.

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**Clause 1** specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day to be proclaimed.

**Clause 3** amends the Area Health Services Act 1986 in order to give effect to the object stated above.

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