

Act No. 133

ELECTION FUNDING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections (Amendment) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Election Funding Act 1981—

- (a) in relation to the registration of political parties—
 - (i) to enable the Register of Parties (which is currently kept for each general election) to be used for the purposes of the Act and of sections 151A and 151G of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 by providing for the Register to be kept on an on-going basis (Schedule 1 (2), (3) (a), (b), (5) (b) and (6));
 - (ii) to enable the Authority to refuse to register a party if its name (or a form of its name) is the same as, or similar to that of a registered party or a party currently represented in Parliament or uses the word “independent” in conjunction with the name (or form of a name) of such a party (Schedule 1 (1), (4) and (5) (a)); and
 - (iii) to provide that the particulars of 200 (instead of 100) members of a party which is not represented in Parliament must be set out on an application to register the party (Schedule 1 (3) (c));
- (b) in relation to declarations of political contributions—
 - (i) to increase the maximum amount of political contributions made to parties or groups (\$1,000 to \$2,500) and candidates (\$200 to \$500) exempted from the disclosure requirements of Part VI of the Act (Schedule 1 (7) (a)–(c)); and

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- (ii) to provide that a party, group or candidate need not disclose contributions made to the party, group or candidate if the money paid is to be or is used for a purpose other than electoral expenditure relating to an election (Schedule 1 (7) (d)); and
 - (c) to make provisions of a transitional nature (Schedule 1 (8)).
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