

Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment Bill 1999

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This Public Bill, originated in the Legislative Council and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council



Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment Bill 1999

Act No , 1999

An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* with respect to voting in Legislative Council elections and the registration of political parties; and to make consequential amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:				
1	Name of Act	2		
	This Act is the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment Act 1999.	3		
2	Commencement	5		
	This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation (being not earlier than 1 January 2000).	6 7		
3	Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 No 41	8		
	The Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 is amended as set out in Schedules 1 and 2.	9 10		
4	Consequential amendment of Local Government Act 1993 No 30	11		
	The Local Government Act 1003 is amended as set out in Schedule 3	12		

Schedule 1		Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 relating to group ticket voting	
		(Section 3)	4
[1]	Section 3	Definitions	5
	Omit the d	efinition of <i>Group voting ticket</i> from section 3 (1).	6
[2]	Section 3	(1), definition of "Group voting ticket square"	7
	Omit the d	efinition. Insert instead:	8
		<i>Group voting square</i> means a square printed on a ballot-paper for a periodic Council election above the names of the candidates included in a group who have duly requested under section 81C (1A) a group voting square for the purposes of the election.	9 10 11 12 13
[3]	Section 81	C Grouping of candidates	14
	Insert after	section 81C (1):	15
	(1A)	A claim under subsection (1) may also include a request for a group voting square for the group on the ballot-papers to be used in the election concerned, but only if there are at least 15 candidates in the group at the close of nominations for the election.	16 17 18 19 20
[4]	Section 81	C (6) and (7)	21
	Insert after	section 81C (5):	22
	(6)	The candidates who are included in a group for a periodic Council election and who have duly requested a group voting square for the election, are required to nominate, for the purposes of section 129EB, one other group of candidates in the election for whom a second preference vote is taken to be recorded on all ballot papers on which only a first preference	23 24 25 26 27 28

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	vote is recorded for the first-mentioned group if that group ceases to have 15 candidates because of the operation of subsection (5).		
	(7)	The following provisions apply to nominations under	3
		subsection (6): (a) A nomination may be made at the time the candidates request a group voting square for the election or within 24 hours after the close of nominations for the election. However, the Electoral Commissioner may accept a late nomination so long as it is made before the day for the taking of the poll in the election.	5 6 7 8 9 10
		(b) A nomination may be made on behalf of the candidates in the group by the first candidate in the group or by the registered officer of a registered party that has endorsed all or any of the candidates for the election.	12 13 14 15
		(c) A group of candidates is not eligible to be nominated unless the candidates in that group have duly requested a group voting square for the election.	16 17 18
		(d) The Electoral Commissioner is to cause notice of the nominations to be published, at least one week before the day for the taking of the poll in the election, in one or more newspapers circulating throughout New South Wales.	19 20 21 22 23
		(e) Once a nomination has been lodged with the Electoral Commissioner in respect of the election, the nomination may not be changed, nor may a further nomination be made for the election by or on behalf of any of the candidates concerned.	24 25 26 27 28
[5]	Section 81	F Deposit for periodic Council election	29
	Insert after (1A)	section 81F (1): However, the amount of the deposit for a candidate included in	30 31
	(1A)	a group comprising more than 10 candidates (but not more than 21 candidates) is \$5,000 divided by the number of candidates in that group.	31 32 33 34

[6]	Section 83B Prin	nting of ballot-papers	1
	occurring.	p voting ticket square" from section 83B (5) (a) wherever my group voting square".	3
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[7]	Section 83B (5A)	5
		as a group voting ticket registered". e candidates in a group have duly requested under section p voting square".	6 7 8
[8]	Section 83C Gro	oup voting tickets	Ģ
	Omit the section.		10
[9]	Section 83D Not	tification of party endorsement	11
	Omit section 83D	O (4) (b). Insert instead:	12
	(b)	the candidates have duly requested under section 81C (1A) a group voting square for the purposes of the election,	13 14 15
[10]	Section 83D (4)		16
	Omit "group voti	ng ticket square". Insert instead "group voting square".	17
[11]	Section 83H Prin	nting of party name etc on ballot-papers	18
	0 1	ng ticket square" from section 83H (2) wherever occurring. oup voting square".	19 20
[12]	Section 86A Gro	oup voting tickets to be displayed at polling-places	21
	Omit the section.		22
[13]	Section 103 Vote	e, how given	23
	Omit section 103	3 (4). Insert instead:	24
	or m	e ballot-paper in a periodic Council election contains one ore group voting squares, the voter may record a vote by	25 26

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recording a vote in accordance with subsection (3) and may, if he or she wishes, vote for additional groups of candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the group voting squares above the names of those additional groups of candidates in the order of his or her preferences for them.

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[14] Sections 129EA, 129EB

Omit section 129EA. Insert instead:

129EA Formal votes where vote recorded in group voting square

- (1) If a voter records a vote on a ballot-paper by placing the number "1" in the group voting square for one of the groups, the ballot-paper is taken to have recorded on it a first preference vote for the first candidate included in the group and subsequent preferences for all other candidates included in the group in the order of the names of the candidates on the ballotpaper.
- (2) If the voter also records a vote on the ballot-paper by placing the number "2" in the group voting square for another group, the ballot-paper is taken to have recorded on it a preference (subsequent to those referred to in subsection (1)) for the first candidate included in that other group and subsequent preferences for all other candidates included in that other group in the order of the names of the candidates on the ballot-paper.
- (3) If the voter also records a vote on the ballot-paper by placing the number "3" or subsequent numbers in the group voting squares for other groups, the ballot-paper is taken to have recorded on it preferences (subsequent to those referred to in subsections (1) and (2)) for the first candidate included in those other groups and subsequent preferences for all other candidates included in those other groups in the order of the names of the candidates on the ballot-paper.

1	29EB		cial provision where minimum size of group reduced by the of candidate etc	1 2
		(1)	This section applies to ballot-papers in which the voter records a vote by placing the number "1" in the group voting square for one of the groups and does not record any other preference, where that group ceases to have 15 candidates because of the operation of section 81C (5).	3 4 5 6 7
		(2)	The ballot-papers to which this section applies are taken to have recorded on them a second preference vote for the group nominated under section 81C (6).	8 9 10
[15]	Section	on 12	9F Informal ballot-papers	11
	where	ever o inst	up voting ticket square" and "group voting ticket squares" ccurring. ead "group voting square" and "group voting squares" y.	12 13 14 15
[16]	Section	on 12	9F (2D)	16
	Omit	the su	absection. Insert instead:	17
	((2D)	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, a ballot- paper on which the voter has recorded his or her vote by placing in one square the number "1" shall not be informal by reason only that:	18 19 20 21
			(a) the same preference (other than his or her first preference) has been recorded on the ballot-paper for more than one candidate or one group of candidates, but the ballot-paper shall be treated as if those preferences and any subsequent preferences had not been recorded on the ballot-paper, or	22 23 24 25 26 27
			(b) there is a break in the order of his or her preferences, but the ballot paper shall be treated as if any subsequent preference had not been recorded on the ballot-paper.	28 29 30

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[17]	Section 129F (3)
	Omit "(or indicated on a group voting ticket adopted by any such ballot-paper)".
	Insert instead "(or taken to be indicated on any such ballot-paper by a vote recorded in a group voting square)".
[18]	Schedule 4A Form of ballot-paper
	Omit the Schedule. Insert instead:

Schedule 1

Schedule 4A BALLOT-PAPER
NEW SOUTH WALES Election of 21 Members of Legislative Council

ũ '	Electoral District Elector enrolled	enrolled				
You may vote in one of two ways:	GROUP A		GROUP C	:	GROUP Q	
either	*		*	:	*	
Place the number "1" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you desire to vote. You may if you wish vote for additional groups of candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares above the additional groups of candidates in order of your preferences for them.						
or	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C		GROUP Q	
Disco the numbers "4" "9" "9" "4" "E" "7"	*	*	*		*	
"8", "9", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14" and "15" in the squares opposite the names of 15 candidates	□ PARKER Alan	☐ WILLIAMS Gregory	☐ LEVY Mark **		☐ BOOKMAN John	☐ RODGER Jodie
in order of your preferences for utem. You may in you wish vote for additional candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "16" in the squares onoosite the names of those	☐ MILLER John	☐ ROGERS Ralph	□ WOOD Henry		CRANE June	☐ PASCALIS Sasha ***
additional candidates in the order of your preferences for them.		☐ PERCIVAL Eleanor				☐ ADLER Greg
	☐ MORGAN Albert	:	FONG Phillip		KING Henry	SPICER Melanie
	☐ LUMSDAINE Elaine **		□ ILIC Petar **		☐ WILSON Mary	
	☐ POULOS Nicholas **		☐ HAYES Graham		☐ FRENCH Charles	
. Here insert name of registered party or composite name if to be printed "Here insert name of registered party if to be printed	Here insert name of registered	I party if to be printed	Here insert name of registered party or word "Independent" if to be printled	ered party or word "I	ndependent" if to be printed	

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[19] Schedule 15A Form of ballot-paper

Omit the Schedule. Insert instead:

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Schedule 15A BALLOT-PAPER
The elector must not mark a vote on the ballot-paper until after the elector has first exhibited the ballot-paper (in blank) to the Authorised Witness NEW SOUTH WALES Election of 21 Members of Legislative Council

		RODGER Judie
	GROUP Q □	GROUP Q GROUP Q John CRANE June June Henry Henry Mary Charles
	GROUP C	GROUP C LEVY Mark " "WOOD Henry Henry " " ILIC Petar " HAYES Graham "
enrolled		GROUP B WILLIAMS Gregory Ralph Halph Eleanor Eleanor
Electoral District Elector enrolled	GROUP A	GROUP A Aan Alan MILLER John MORGAN Abert Elaine Elaine Nicholas
ä	You may vote in one of two ways: either Place the number "1" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you desire to vote. You may if you wish vote for additional groups of candidates by placing consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares above the additional groups of candidates in order of your preferences for them.	Or Place the numbers "!" "2", "q", "q", "g", "g", "g", "g", "g", "g

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Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 relating to political parties

Schedule 2		Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 relating to political parties		
			(Section 3)	4
[1]	Section 66	6A Def	finitions and related provisions	5
	Omit the d	lefiniti	on of <i>eligible party</i> . Insert instead:	6
		eligi	ble party means (subject to subsection (2)) a party:	7
		(a)	that has at least 750 members, and	8
		(b)	that is established on the basis of a written constitution	9
		. ,	(however expressed) that sets out the platform or	10
			objectives of the party.	11
[2]	Section 66	6A (2)		12
	Insert at the end of section 66A:			
	(2)	Two	or more parties cannot rely on the same member for the	14
	` ,	purp	ose of qualifying or continuing to qualify as an eligible	15
		party	7. The following provisions apply accordingly:	16
		(a)	a member who is relied on by 2 or more parties may	17
			nominate the party entitled to rely on the member, but if	18
			a party is not nominated after the Electoral	19
			Commissioner has (in accordance with the regulations) given the member an opportunity to do so, the member	20 21
			is not entitled to be relied on by any of those parties,	22
		(b)	the members on whom a registered party relies may be	23
		(0)	changed at any time by an amendment of the Register of	23
			Parties,	25
		(c)	the registration of a party is not to be cancelled because	26
		` ′	of this subsection unless the party is given an	27
			opportunity by the Electoral Commissioner (in	28
			accordance with the regulations) to change the members	29
			on whom it relies.	30

[3]	Section 66	D App	lication for registration	1	
	Omit section	on 66D	(1). Insert instead:	2	
	(1) An application for the registration of a party may be made to the Electoral Commissioner (in the form and manner approved by the Electoral Commissioner) by the secretary of the party.				
[4]	Section 66	D (2)		6	
	Omit section	on 66D	(2) (g). Insert instead:	7	
		(g)	set out the names and addresses (as enrolled) of 750 electors who are members of the party and on whom the party relies for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible party, and	8 9 10 11	
		(g1)	be accompanied by declarations of membership of the party (in the form prescribed by the regulations) completed and signed by the members on whom the party relies for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible party, and	12 13 14 15	
[5]	Section 66	D (3)		17	
	Insert after	section	n 66D (2):	18	
	(3)		application for the registration of a party must be appanied by a fee of \$2,000.	19 20	
[6]	Section 66	DA No	tice of application for registration	21	
	Omit "name (4).	es, add	resses and signatures of 200 electors" from section 66DA	22 23	
	Insert inste	ad "nai	mes and addresses of 750 electors"	2/	

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[7]	Section 66FA				
	Insert after section 66F:				
		Entitlements resulting from party registration not available until first anniversary of registration			
		(1)	A party that becomes registered under this Part is not a registered party until the first anniversary of its registration for the following purposes:	5 6 7	
			(a) Division 6B of Part 5 (Party endorsement on ballot-papers),	8 9	
			(b) section 79 (Nomination of Assembly candidates) and section 81B (Nomination of Council candidates),	10 11	
			(c) section 151G (Registration of electoral matter).	12	
		(2)	A party that becomes registered under this Part is not, until the first anniversary of its registration:	13 14	
			(a) a registered party for the purposes of the <i>Election</i> Funding Act 1981, or	15 16	
			(b) a party for the purposes of sections 60 and 61 of that Act.	17 18	
		(3)	This section extends to a party whose registration was previously cancelled under this Part.	19 20	
[8]	Section	n 66	G Refusal to register	21	
	Insert after section 66G (3):			22	
	(3	3A)	A reference in subsection (3) (c)–(e) to a registered party includes a reference to any party that was registered under this Part at any time during the previous 4 years, except where the application for registration is made with the approval of a person who was the last registered officer or deputy registered officer of that previously registered party.	23 24 25 26 27 28	
[9]	Section	n 66	H Amendment of Register	29	
		•	y a member of the party who is a member of Parliament" from I (2) (b).	30 31	

[10]	Section	on 66	6H (3A) and (3B)	1
	Insert	after	section 66H (3):	2
	(3A)		Section 66D (3) does not apply to an application for the amendment of the particulars in the Register of Parties. The regulations may prescribe a fee to accompany any such application.	3 4 5 6
		(3B)	Section 66DA does not apply to an application for the amendment of the particulars in the Register of Parties if the Electoral Commissioner is of the opinion that the amendment is of a minor nature only and does not warrant publication of a notice under that section.	7 8 9 10 11
[11]	Section	on 66	БНА	12
	Insert	after	section 66H:	13
	66HA		nual returns and other inquiries with respect to continued istration or applications for registration	14 15
		(1)	The registered officer of a party must, by 30 June each year, furnish to the Electoral Commissioner a return as to its continued eligibility for registration under this Part in the form prescribed by the regulations. The form so prescribed may require the return to be accompanied by specified documents.	16 17 18 19 20
		(2)	A return is not required to be furnished under subsection (1) if the party has been registered for less than 6 months before the return is due to be furnished.	21 22 23
		(3)	The Electoral Commissioner may at any time, by notice in writing, require: (a) an applicant for registration, or (b) the registered officer of a party, to provide such information as is specified in the notice for the purpose of dealing with the application or of determining whether the party is an eligible party.	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
		(4)	If an applicant for registration fails to comply with a requirement made under this section, the Electoral Commissioner may decline to deal with the application.	31 32 33

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		(5)	If the registered officer of a party fails to comply with a requirement made under this section, the Electoral Commissioner may cancel the registration of the party.	1 2 3		
[12]	Section	on 66	l Cancellation of registration	4		
	Omit	section	on 66I (2) (b). Insert instead:	5		
			(b) a registered party is no longer an eligible party, or	6		
[13]	Section	on 66	J Public access to registers	7		
	Insert at the end of the section:					
		(2)	Applications for registration or for the amendment of the particulars in the Register of Parties must also be made available for public inspection during ordinary office hours.	9 10 11		
[14]	Section	on 66	JA	12		
	Insert after section					
	66JA	Dist	tribution of information to electors about registered parties	14		
		(1)	The Electoral Commissioner is required to prepare, for each periodic Council election, a registered party information sheet for each registered party.	15 16 17		
		(2)	Any such information sheet is to contain the following information:	18 19		
			(a) the name of the registered party,	20		
			(b) the name and address of the registered officer of the party,	21 22		
			(c) a statement (not exceeding 500 words) setting out the platform or objectives of the party provided by the registered officer of the party (but only if such a statement is provided within the time requested by the Electoral Commissioner).	23 24 25 26 27		
		(3)	The Electoral Commissioner is required to publish a copy of each such information sheet on the world wide web at least 1 month before the date on which the Legislative Assembly is	28 29 30		

due to expire or, if it is dissolved earlier, as soon as practicable

after its dissolution.

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		(4)	The Electoral Commissioner is to make any such information sheet available for public inspection, at any reasonable time before the periodic Council election concerned is held, at the office of the Electoral Commissioner and at any public library or other place determined by the Electoral Commissioner.		
		(5)	In complying with this section, the Electoral Commissioner:	6	
			(a) may reduce the length of information supplied by a registered party officer if the Electoral Commissioner is satisfied that the information is longer than that permitted by this section, or	7 8 9 10	
			(b) may omit information supplied by a registered party officer if the Electoral Commissioner is of the opinion that its publication might be unlawful or defamatory.	11 12 13	
[15]	Section	on 66	K	14	
	Omit	the se	ection. Insert instead:	15	
	66K	Stat	tutory declarations	16	
		(1)	A form that is prescribed or approved under this Part may require any information provided to be verified by statutory declaration.	17 18 19	
		(2)	The Electoral Commissioner may also require any information in an application or return under this Part, or any information provided pursuant to a requirement under this Part, to be verified by statutory declaration.	20 21 22 23	
[16]	Section	on 66	N	24	
	Omit	the se	ection. Insert instead:	25	
	66N	Trai	nsitional and other arrangements	26	
		(1)	In this section:	27	
		` '	existing registered party means any party registered under this Part immediately before the commencement of the new registration requirements, and includes any party registered under this Part after that commencement and before the registration confirmation day in pursuance of an application for registration made before that commencement.	28 29 30 31 32 33	

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	Part 1	registration requirements means the amendments to this made by Schedule 2 [1] and [2] to the Parliamentary	1 2
		orates and Elections Amendment Act 1999 relating to the	3
		pership requirements for the qualification of a party as an ele party for the purposes of this Part.	4 5
		tration confirmation day means 31 December next after	6
	the co	ommencement of the new registration requirements.	7
(2)		new registration requirements do not, until the registration	8
	confi	rmation day, apply to an existing registered party.	9
(3)		xisting registered party is not entitled to continue to be	10
		ered, on and after the registration confirmation day,	11
	unles		12
	(a)	the registered officer of the party has made an	13
		application for continued registration of the party in	14
		accordance with this section, and	15
	(b)	the Electoral Commissioner is satisfied that the party is	16
		an eligible party under the new registration requirements and approves the application.	17
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(4)		application for continued registration of an existing	19
		ered party is to be made to the Electoral Commissioner (in rm and manner approved by the Electoral Commissioner)	20 21
	and n		21
	(a)	set out the particulars, and be accompanied by the	23
	(u)	documents, that are referred to in section 66D (2) (g)	24
		and (g1) and such additional particulars and documents	25
		as are required by the approved form, and	26
	(b)	be accompanied by a fee of \$2,000.	27
(5)		ons 66DA, 66E (2), 66HA (2) and (3), 66J (2) and 66K	28
		(subject to the regulations) to an application for	29
		nued registration under this section in the same way as	30
	•	apply to an application for registration.	31
(6)		Electoral Commissioner is to cancel the registration of an	32
		ng registered party that is not entitled to continue to be	33
		ered by virtue of this section. Section 66I (3) applies to uch cancellation of registration.	34 35
	arry S	den cancenduon of registration.	33

(7)	Before the Electoral Commissioner cancels the registration of	1
	any such existing party, the Electoral Commissioner is required to give the registered officer of the party notice of the proposed	2 3
	cancellation and the date of and reasons for the proposed	4
	cancellation. The Electoral Commissioner may accept a late	5
	application for continued registration made before that date and	6
	defer a decision on the proposed cancellation until the	7
	application is dealt with.	8
(8)	If an existing registered party has made an application for	9
	continued registration in accordance with this section before the	10
	registration confirmation day, but the application has not been	11
	determined by the Electoral Commissioner before that day, the	12
	party is entitled to continue to be registered until the application	13
	is determined.	14
(9)	Section 66FA does not apply to an existing registered party	15
	while it remains a registered party.	16
(10)	In the case of an existing registered party, a return is not	17
	required to be furnished under section 66HA (1) if the return	18
	would otherwise be required to be furnished in the year in	19
	which the registration confirmation day occurs or in the	20
	following year.	21
(11)	If a form is not prescribed by the regulations for the purposes	22
	of section 66D (2) (g1) or 66HA (1), the relevant form is to be	23
	a form approved by the Electoral Commissioner.	24
(12)	An amendment of this Part made by the Parliamentary	25
	Electorates and Elections Amendment Act 1999 does not apply	26
	to the determination of an application for registration of a party	27
	that is made before the commencement of the amendment but	28
	not determined before that commencement. The amendment	29
	applies to the application if it is not determined before the	30
	registration confirmation day, but the applicant is to be given an	31

opportunity to amend the application before it is determined.

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Schedule 3		Consequential amendment of Local Government Act 1993		1 2
			(Section 4)	3
Section	on 32			4
Omit	the se	tion. Insert in	stead:	5
320	Reg	stration of po	olitical parties	6
	(1)	The political j	parties registered under this Part are:	7
		Part 4A	A of the <i>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections</i> 12, and	8 9 10
			ner political parties registered for the time being purposes of this Act.	11 12
	(2)	accordance w Parliamentar	be registered for the purposes of this Act in ith the procedure applicable under Part 4A of the <i>y Electorates and Elections Act 1912</i> , subject to modifications of that Part:	13 14 15 16
		referen	aces to an eligible party are to be read as aces to an eligible local government party (as d in subsection (3)),	17 18 19
		(b) referen	ices to Parliament are to be read as references to cil,	20 21
		are to l	ices to the names and addresses of 750 electors be read as references to the names, addresses and ares of 100 electors,	22 23 24
			ices to the Register of Parties are to be read as ices to the Local Government Register of Political	25 26 27
		· /	aces to the issue of a writ for an election are to be seferences to the closing date for an election,	28 29

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(f)	if a party has at least one member who is a member of	1
	a council, section 66D (2) (g) is taken to require only	2
	that an application for registration of the party set out	3
	the name and address of that member,	4
(g)	sections 66A (2), 66C, 66D (2) (g1), 66D (3), 66FA,	5
	66G (3A), 66HA, 66JA, 66N of that Act are to be	6
	disregarded,	7
(h)	such other modifications as are prescribed by the	8
	regulations.	9
For	the purposes of subsection (2), an eligible local	10
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(a)	that has at least 100 members or that has at least one	12
	member who is a member of a council, and	13
(b)	that is established on the basis of a written constitution	14
, ,	(however expressed) that sets out the platform or	15
	objectives of the party.	16
	(g) (h) For gove (a)	a council, section 66D (2) (g) is taken to require only that an application for registration of the party set out the name and address of that member, (g) sections 66A (2), 66C, 66D (2) (g1), 66D (3), 66FA, 66G (3A), 66HA, 66JA, 66N of that Act are to be disregarded, (h) such other modifications as are prescribed by the regulations. For the purposes of subsection (2), an <i>eligible local government party</i> is a party: (a) that has at least 100 members or that has at least one member who is a member of a council, and (b) that is established on the basis of a written constitution (however expressed) that sets out the platform or