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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.
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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.

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No. , 1997

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Constitution Act 1902* to vary the number of members of the Legislative Assembly and the maximum number of Ministers.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Constitution Amendment Act 1997*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent.

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3 Amendment of Constitution Act 1902 No 32

The *Constitution Act 1902* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

4 Transitional provisions

- (1) For the purposes of the first distribution of electoral districts after the date of assent to this Act and of any matters necessary or incidental to that distribution, the amendment made by Schedule 1 [1] commences on that date. 10
- (2) The amendment made by Schedule 1 [1] applies to and in respect of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly to be returned at the general election to be held next after the distribution referred to in subsection (1), and comes into force for all purposes as on and from that general election. 15

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

[1] Section 25 Number of Members of Legislative Assembly

Omit "99". Insert instead "93".

[2] Section 35F Maximum number of Ministers

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Omit "20". Insert instead "21".