

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Local Government Amendment Bill 2011

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Proposed amendment

No. 1 Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 13:

[7] Section 224 How many councillors does a council have?

Insert after section 224 (1):

- (1A) If the area of a council is divided into wards, the council must have at least 2 councillors for each ward.
- (1B) At least 6 months before the next ordinary election after the commencement of this subsection, each council of an area divided into wards that has fewer than 2 councillors for each ward must do either or both of the following to ensure that the council complies with this section:
 - (a) alter the ward boundaries of the area in accordance with Division 1 of Part 1 of this Chapter,
 - (b) change the number of councillors in accordance with this Division.
- (1C) However, a council is not required to obtain approval at a constitutional referendum for a change to the number of councillors made in accordance with subsection (1B).