

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) The regulations may prescribe the minimum number of councillors for each ward in a council's area if the area is divided into wards.
- (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 the prescribed number of 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).