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Local Government Amendment (COVID-19—Elections Special Provisions) Bill 2021

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 **Sunset**
Page 2, clause 3, proposed section 747C. Insert after line 27—
 (3A) A regulation under this section must not be made after 11 November 2021.
- No. 2 **Regulations may apply to one or more council elections**
Page 2, clause 3, proposed section 747C. Insert after line 27—
 (3B) To avoid doubt, a regulation under this section may apply to 1 or more specified elections.
- No. 3 **Regulations expanding postal voting or postponing elections to be made on health advice**
Page 2, clause 3, proposed section 747C. Insert after line 27—
 (3C) The Minister must not recommend to the Governor that a regulation be made under this section that expands the use of postal voting or postpones the conduct of an election unless the Minister has given a report to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament containing the advice of the following persons that the regulation is necessary—
 (a) the Chief Health Officer,
 (b) the Electoral Commissioner.
 (3D) A copy of a report given to the Presiding Officer of a House of Parliament under subsection (3C) must be laid before that House within 5 sitting days of that House after it is received by the Presiding Officer.
- No. 4 **Regulations must not postpone election beyond 20 February 2022**
Page 2, clause 3, proposed section 747C. Insert after line 27—
 (3E) Despite subsection (1), a regulation under this section must not postpone the conduct of voting in an election, or enable the conduct of voting in an election to be postponed, to a date after 20 February 2022.