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New South Wales

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

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*I certify that this public bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.  
Legislative Assembly,  
Sydney,*

*, 2021*



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

Act No \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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An Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to make further provision about the conduct of the 2021 local government elections.

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*I have examined this bill and find it to correspond in all respects with the bill as finally passed by both Houses.*

*Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.*

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—**

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Local Government Amendment (COVID-19—Elections Special Provisions) Act 2021*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

**3 Amendment of Local Government Act 1993 No 30**

**Chapter 18 Miscellaneous**

Insert after Part 1A—

**Part 1B COVID-19 pandemic—2021 local government elections special provisions**

**747C COVID-19 pandemic—local government elections regulation-making power**

- (1) The regulations may modify the application of 1 or more provisions of this Act that apply to the 2021 ordinary elections of councillors for the purposes of responding to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (2) The Minister may recommend to the Governor that regulations be made under this section only if—
  - (a) the proposed regulations are in accordance with advice issued by the Electoral Commissioner, and
  - (b) the proposed regulations are reasonable to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons from risk of harm caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) Regulations made under this section—
  - (a) are not limited by the regulation-making power in this Act, and
  - (b) may override the provisions of this Act.
- (4) A regulation under this section must not enable an election to be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting or postal voting and iVoting.