



New South Wales

# Electoral Amendment (COVID-19) Bill 2021

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to make special provision for by-elections held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Electoral Act 2017 No 66

**Schedule 1** inserts proposed Division 3 into the *Electoral Act 2017*, Part 10 in relation to a by-election. The proposed Division provides—

- (a) all electors may apply for early voting and certain electors may apply to vote by post, and
- (b) the regulations may, in certain circumstances, modify the *Electoral Act 2017* for the purposes of responding to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The provisions have effect until the end of 30 June 2022.