



New South Wales

Election Funding Amendment Bill 1999

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to vary the manner in which the government's contribution to the funding of election campaigns is calculated under the *Election Funding Act 1981*. The amount of the contribution is expressed (in a formula contained in section 57 of the Act) to be proportional to the time that elapses between the return of the writs for the general election for which the contribution is to be calculated and the return of the writs for the previous general election. The current formula, however, measures this time in years and provides for any part of a year to be measured as a full year. The amendment varies the relevant formula so that:

- (a) the time between elections is to be measured in months (any part of a month being treated as a full month), and
- (b) in measuring that time, any month after the 48th month is to be disregarded.

Outline of provisions

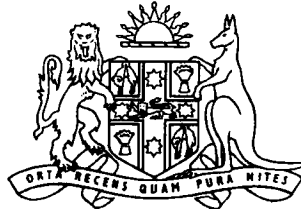
Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

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

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Election Funding Act 1981* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 amends section 57 of the Act in the manner described above.

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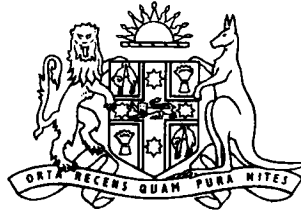


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No. , 1999

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Election Funding Act 1981* with respect to the calculation of amounts to be credited to the funds established under Part 5 of that Act.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts: 1

1 Name of Act 2

 This Act is the *Election Funding Amendment Act 1999*. 3

2 Commencement 4

 This Act commences on the date of assent. 5

3 Amendment of Election Funding Act 1981 No 78 6

 The *Election Funding Act 1981* is amended as set out in Schedule 1. 7

Schedule 1 Amendment

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(Section 3)

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Section 57 Determination of credits to funds

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Omit section 57 (2). Insert instead:

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- (2) The amounts to be credited, in the aggregate, to the funds for a general election are to be determined in accordance with the following formula:

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$$A = E \times \frac{N}{12} \times \frac{M}{100}$$

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where:

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A represents the aggregate amount (in dollars) to be credited to the funds.

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E represents the total number of electors enrolled for all electoral districts as at 6 pm on the day of the issue of the writs for the general election.

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N represents:

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- (a) the number of months between the day for the return of the writs for the general election and the day for the return of the writs for the previous general election (both days inclusive), any fraction of a month being treated as one month, or

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- (b) 48,

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whichever is less.

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M represents the amount (in cents) of the monetary unit.

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