

# CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) AMENDMENT BILL, 1981

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to extend the maximum period between general elections for the Legislative Assembly from 3 years to 4 years (Schedule 1 (2)); and
- (b) to provide that the approval of the electors at a referendum is required for a Bill that extends the maximum period between general elections for the Legislative Assembly beyond 4 years (instead of a Bill that extends that period beyond 3 years as at present) (Schedule 1 (1) and (3)).

It will be necessary, pursuant to section 24A of the Constitution Act, 1902, for the Bill to be submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors before the Bill is presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent.

If the Bill is approved by a majority of the electors and, after the next general election, receives the Royal Assent, the maximum period between that general election and the following general election will not be extended from 3 years to 4 years (clause 3).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/10/61

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

Act No. 1981, 1981

CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) AMENDMENT  
BILL, 1981

No. , 1981.

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**A BILL FOR**

An Act to extend the maximum period between general elections for the  
Legislative Assembly from 3 years to 4 years.

[MR WRAN—13 April, 1981.]

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*Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment.*

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**BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, with the approval of the electors as required by the Constitution Act, 1902, and by the authority of the same,  
5 as follows:—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the "Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment Act, 1981".

**Amendment of Act No. 32, 1902.**

10 2. The Constitution Act, 1902, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

**Application of Act delayed.**

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act—

15 (a) the Legislative Assembly existing on the date of assent to this Act; or

(b) where there is no Legislative Assembly existing on the date of assent to this Act—the first Legislative Assembly summoned and called together after that date,

shall exist and continue for 3 years from the day of the return of the writs  
20 for choosing it and no longer, subject nevertheless to be sooner prorogued or dissolved by the Governor.

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SCHEDULE 1.

(Sec. 2.)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, 1902.

- (1) Section 7B (1)—
- 5 Omit the subsection, insert instead:—
- (1) A Bill that—
- (a) expressly or impliedly repeals or amends section 11B, 26,  
27, 28 or 29, the Seventh Schedule or this section; or
- 10 (b) contains any provision to extend the time during which  
any Legislative Assembly shall exist and continue beyond  
4 years from the day of the return of the writs for choosing  
it,
- 15 shall not be presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent until  
the Bill has been approved by the electors in accordance with this  
section.
- (2) Section 24—
- Omit "three years", insert instead "4 years".
- (3) Section 24A—
- Omit the section.

SCHEDULE B

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(1) Section 74 (1)

With the substitution here indicated:

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(a) except as hereinafter provided, the

1978 of 20, the section shall read as follows:

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(2) Section 74

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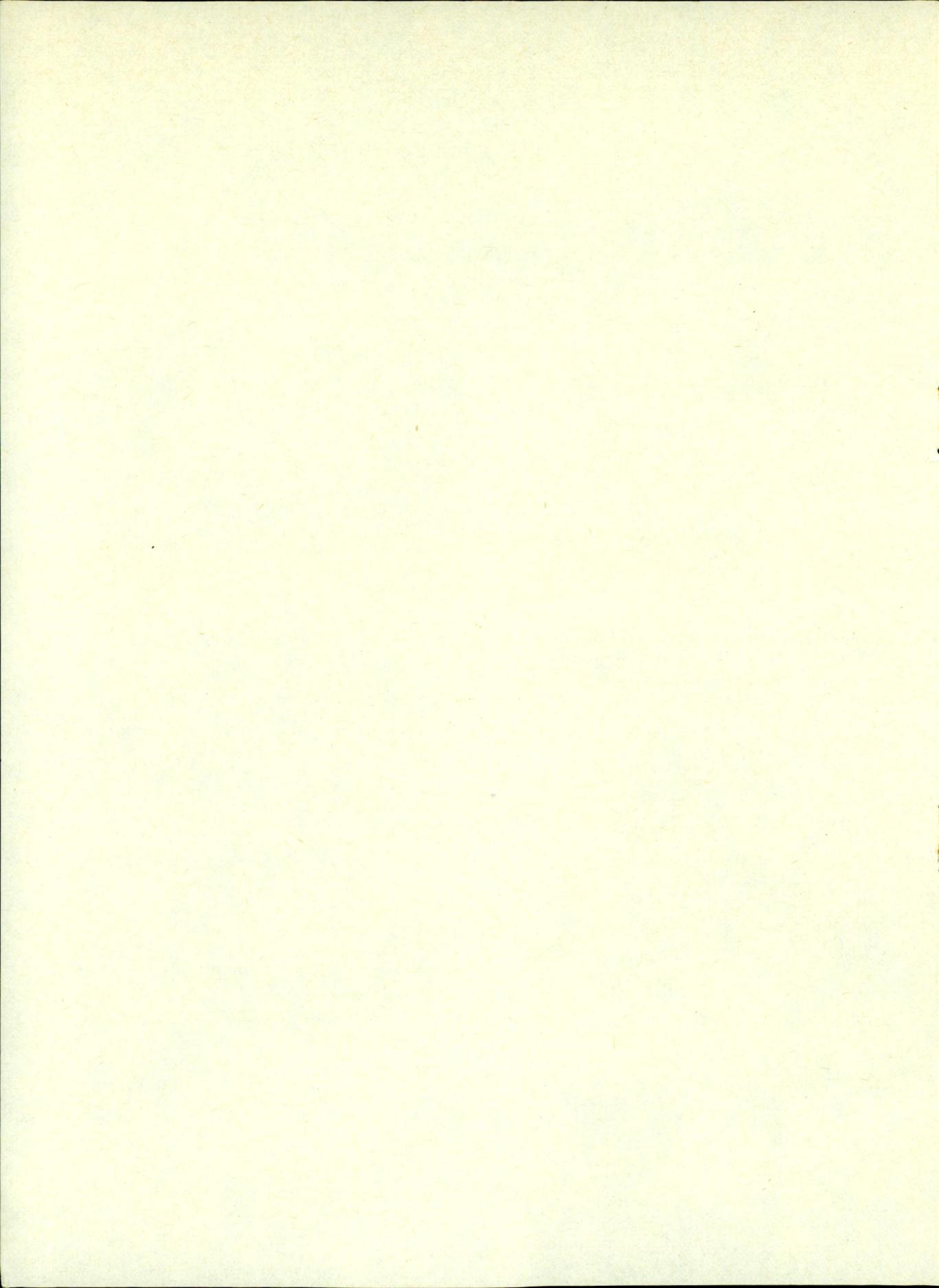
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**CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY)  
AMENDMENT ACT, 1981, No. 102**

**New South Wales**



ANNO TRICESIMO

**ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ**

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**Act No. 102, 1981.**

An Act to extend the maximum period between general elections for the  
Legislative Assembly from 3 years to 4 years. [Reserved, 12th November,  
1981.]

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*Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment.*

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(2) Section 24—

Omit "three years", insert instead "4 years".

(3) Section 24A—

Omit the section.

*Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.*

J. A. ROWLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1981.*

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**New South Wales**



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J. A. ROWLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1981.*

*Assented to by Her Majesty in Council on 16th December, 1981.*

J. A. ROWLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 20th January, 1982.*

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