

**CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) AMENDMENT
ACT 1990 No. 17**

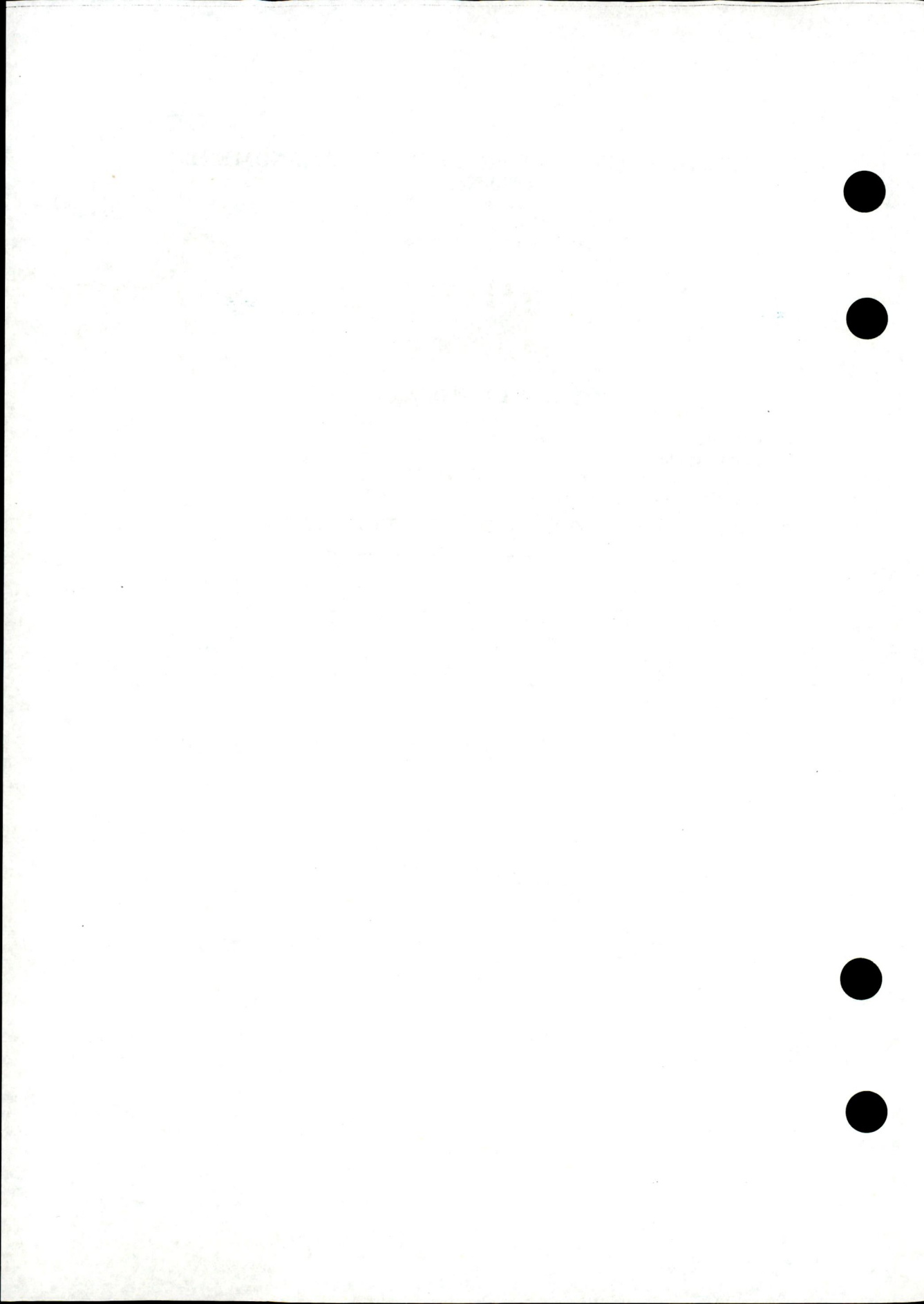
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Act No. 17, 1990

An Act to reduce the number of politicians in the Legislative Assembly
from 109 to 99. [Assented to 14 June 1990]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment Act 1990.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

Amendment of Constitution Act 1902 No. 32

3. The Constitution Act 1902 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Transitional provisions

4. (1) For the purposes of the first distribution of electoral districts after the date of assent to this Act and of any matters necessary or incidental to that distribution, the amendment made by Schedule 1 commences on that date.

(2) The amendment made by Schedule 1 applies to and in respect of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly to be returned at the general election to be held next after the distribution referred to in subsection (1), and comes into force for all purposes as on and from that general election.

SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION ACT 1902

(Sec. 3)

Section 25 (Number of Members of Legislative Assembly):

Omit "109", insert instead "99".

[*Minister's second reading speech made in -
Legislative Assembly on 27 February 1990
Legislative Council on 21 May 1990*]

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BILL 1990**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of this Bill is to reduce the number of politicians in the Legislative Assembly from 109 to 99, and to require any future change in that number of politicians to be approved by the people at a referendum.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act commences on the date of assent.

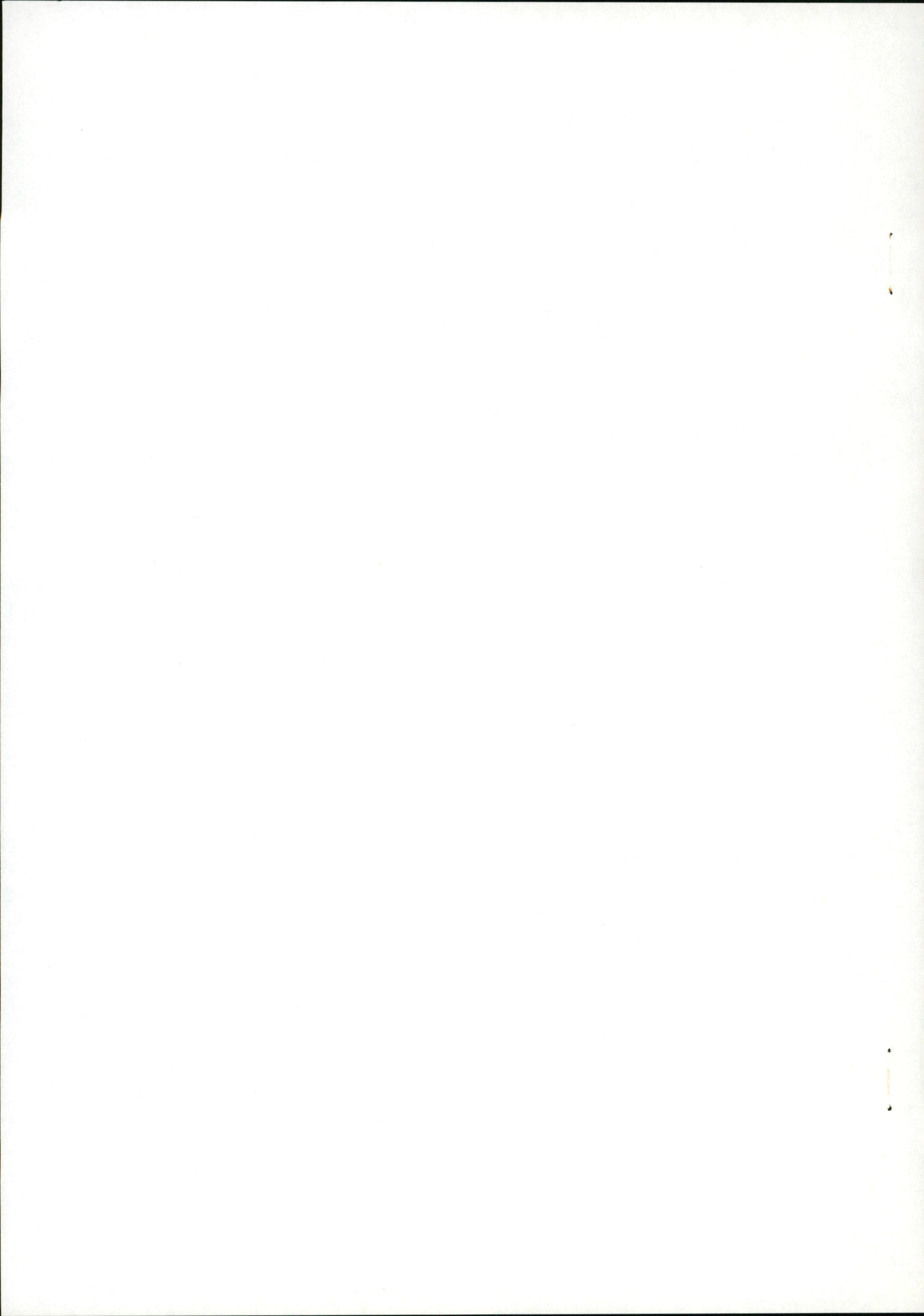
Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Constitution Act 1902.

Clause 4 contains transitional provisions that will enable a redistribution of electoral districts to be undertaken before the next general election and ensure that the reduction in the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly takes effect at that general election.

SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION ACT 1902

Schedule 1 (1) inserts section 7C into the Constitution Act 1902. The proposed section provides that any future change in the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly must be first approved by the people at a referendum. The proposed section is in similar terms to section 7B of the Constitution Act 1902 which requires certain other changes in the constitution of the Legislative Assembly to be approved by the people at a referendum.

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 25 of the Constitution Act 1902 to reduce the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly from 109 to 99.



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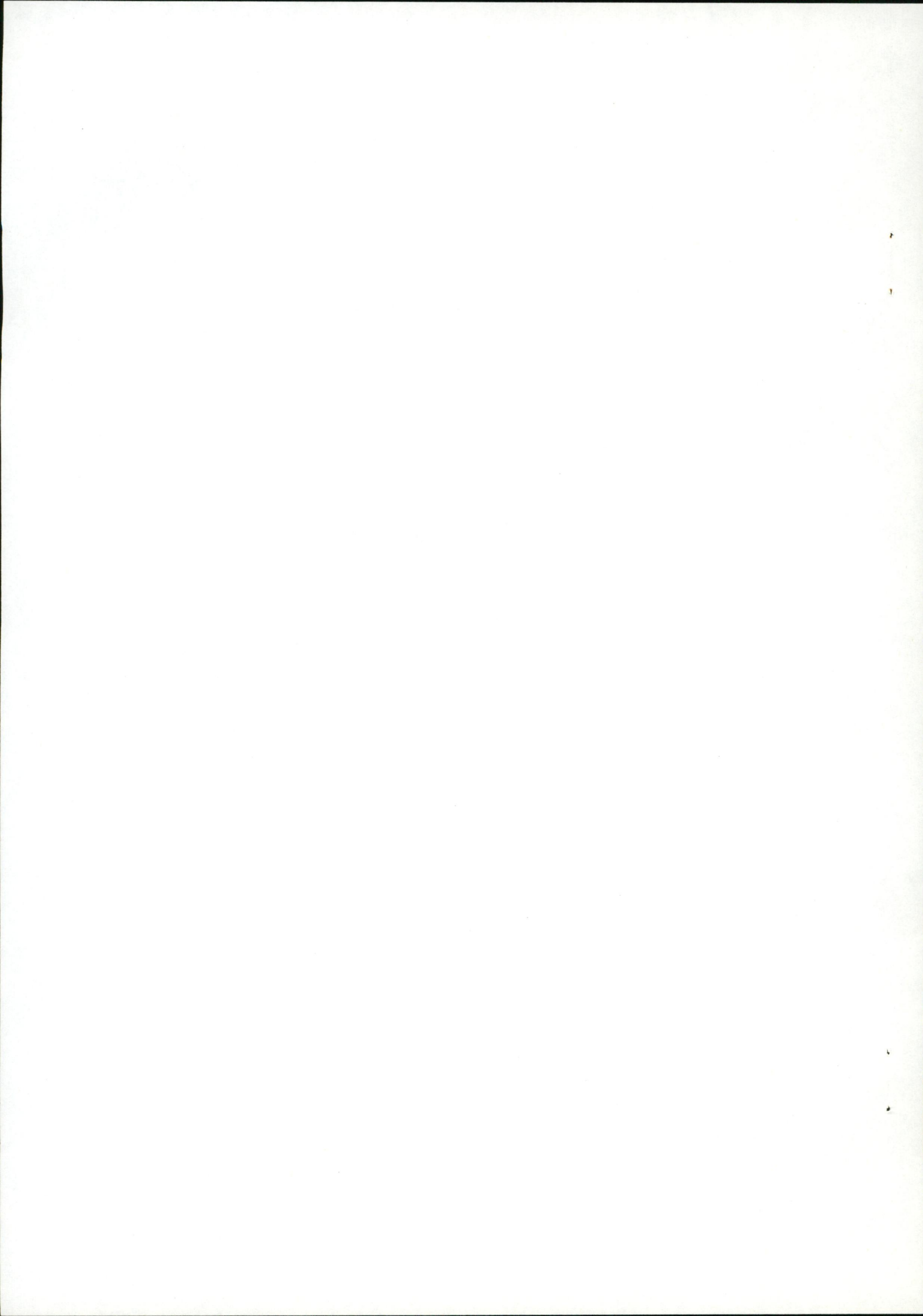
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NEW SOUTH WALES



No. , 1990

A BILL FOR

An Act to reduce the number of politicians in the Legislative Assembly from 109 to 99, and to require any future change in that number of politicians to be approved by the people at a referendum.

Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment 1990

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment Act 1990.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

Amendment of Constitution Act 1902 No. 32

3. The Constitution Act 1902 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Transitional provisions

4. (1) For the purposes of the first distribution of electoral districts after the date of assent to this Act and of any matters necessary or incidental to that distribution, the amendment made by Schedule 1 (2) commences on that date.

(2) The amendment made by Schedule 1 (2) applies to and in respect of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly to be returned at the general election to be held next after the distribution referred to in subsection (1), and comes into force for all purposes as on and from that general election.

SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION ACT 1902

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 7C:

After section 7B, insert:

Referendum for Bills with respect to size of Legislative Assembly

7C. (1) A Bill that:

- (a) contains any provision to change the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly; or
- (b) expressly or impliedly repeals or amends this section,

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.

SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION ACT
1902 - *continued*

(2) On a day not sooner than two months after the passage of the Bill through both Houses of the Legislature the Bill shall be submitted to the electors entitled to vote at a general election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

(3) The day referred to in subsection (2) shall be appointed by the Governor under and in accordance with the Constitution Further Amendment (Referendum) Act 1930 and any Act amending or replacing that Act.

(4) When the Bill is submitted to the electors the vote shall be taken under and in accordance with the Constitution Further Amendment (Referendum) Act 1930 and any Act amending or replacing that Act.

(5) If a majority of the electors voting approve the Bill, it shall be presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent.

(6) Nothing contained in this section affects the operation of section 5B and a Bill to which this section would otherwise apply which has been submitted to the electors under and in accordance with section 5B and has been approved by a majority of the electors voting may be presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent as if this section had not been enacted.

(2) Section 25 (Number of Members of Legislative Assembly):
Omit "109", insert instead "99".
