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# **Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Party Affiliation) Bill 1996**

## **Explanatory note**

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

### **Overview of Bill**

The object of this Bill is to ensure that voters are able to easily identify the political affiliation of any election candidate favourably depicted in any printed campaign material. This is achieved by requiring the name or logo of the candidate's party to be clearly printed on the material in a large size.

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## 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 amendments to the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* set out in Schedule 1.

## Schedule 1 Amendments

At present, section 151E of the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* requires all printed material containing electoral matter to include the name and address of the person on whose instructions the matter was printed, the name of the printer, and the address of the place where the material was printed. (Electoral matter is defined in section 151B to mean any matter capable of affecting the result of any election or capable of influencing an elector in relation to the casting of his or her vote. This would include all campaign pamphlets, posters, how-to-votes and similar matter.)

Section 151E is proposed to be amended so as to also require the party affiliation of the relevant election candidate to be disclosed in the material. The name and logo of the candidate's party is required to appear in large clear letters or symbols (large enough to take up at least ten per cent of the page, poster or other type of campaign material).

It is an offence to fail to comply with any of the requirements relating to printed material set out in section 151E.

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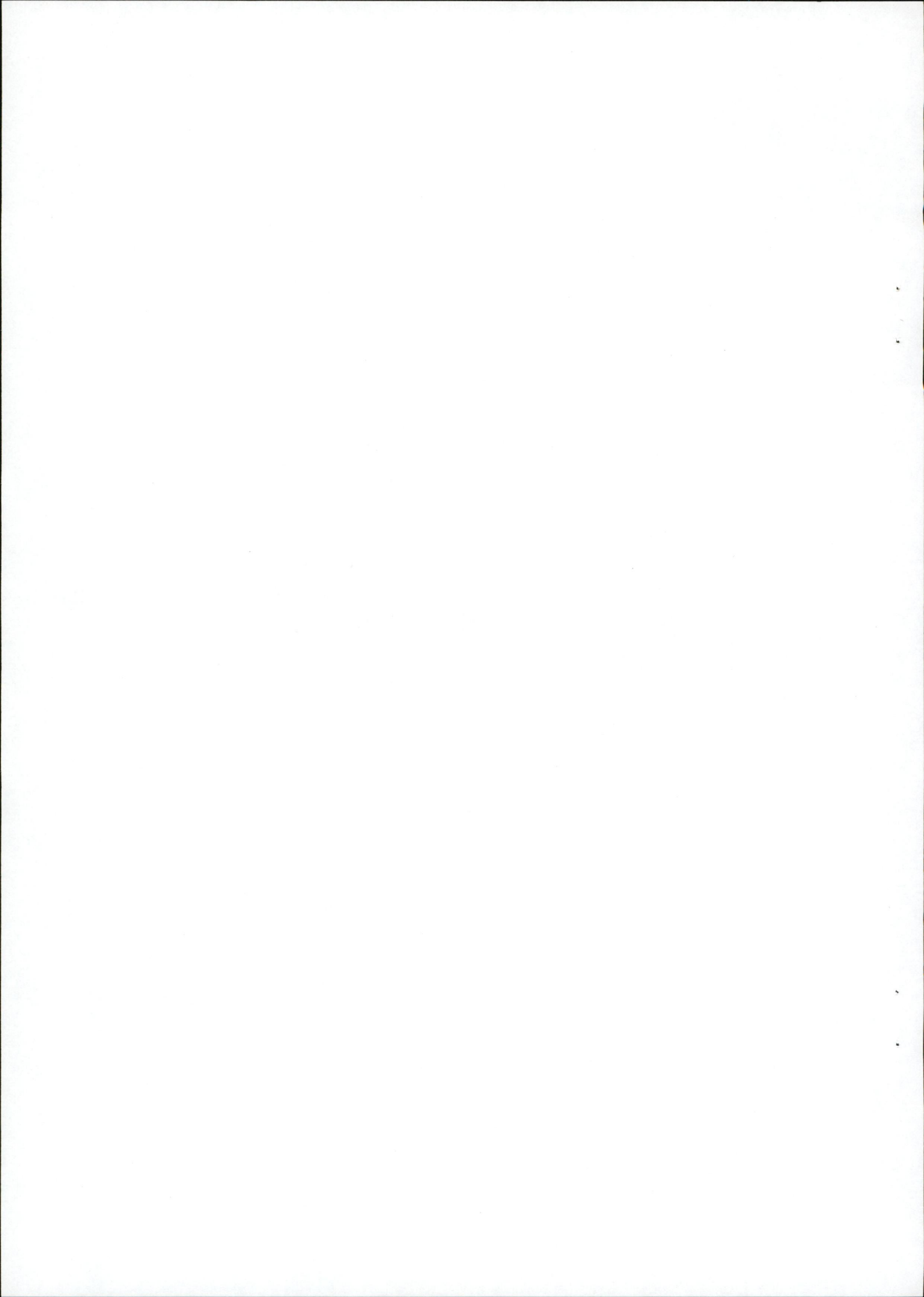
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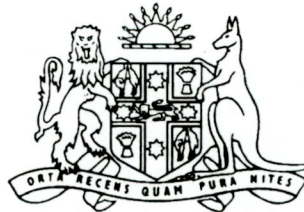
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# Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Party Affiliation) Bill 1996

No. , 1996

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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* so as to require all printed election campaign material to clearly identify the party affiliation of the relevant candidate, and for other purposes.

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

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Party Affiliation) Act 1996*.

**2 Commencement**

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This Act commences on the date of assent.

**3 Amendment of Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 No 41**

The *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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## Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

**[1] Section 151E Certain information must be printed on campaign material**

Insert after section 151E (1) (a):

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- (a1) the name or logo of any party of which any candidate whose name, photograph or likeness appears on the material, or the address of whose committee rooms appears on the material, is a member (but only if the material is printed in support of that candidate), and

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**[2] Section 151E (3) and (4)**

Insert after section 151E (2):

- (3) If this section requires the name or logo of a party to appear on printed material that name or logo must be printed in such a size that it exclusively occupies at least ten per cent of the total area of that material.
- (4) If the printed material has more than one page, it is sufficient compliance with subsection (3) if only the front page of the printed material complies with that subsection.

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