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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL 2007

(Brought in by the Leader of the Government, the Honourable Douglas John Parkinson)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act 1995

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

   This Act may be cited as the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Amendment Act 2007.

2. Commencement

   This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

   In this Act, the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act 1995* is referred to as the Principal Act.

*No. 2 of 1995
4. **Section 6 amended (Redistribution Tribunal)**

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by omitting paragraphs (a) and (b) from subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

(a) one is the chairperson of the Electoral Commission who is to be chairperson of the Tribunal; and

(b) the other is the member of the Electoral Commission who is not the chairperson of that Commission or the Electoral Commissioner.

(b) by omitting subsection (2).

5. **Section 7 amended (Alternate members of Redistribution Committee and Redistribution Tribunal)**

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by omitting paragraph (a) from subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

(a) an alternate member is to be appointed for each member of the –
(i) Redistribution Committee except the Electoral Commissioner; and

(ii) Redistribution Tribunal except those members who are members of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) by omitting subsection (2).

6. **Section 7A amended (Filling of casual vacancies)**

Section 7A(1) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by inserting “other than a member of the Electoral Commission,” after “Tribunal,”;

(b) by omitting “he or she is qualified as mentioned in section 5 or 6, or as the case may require, selected as mentioned in section 6” and substituting “the Governor considers that the person is appropriately qualified”.

7. **Section 9 amended (Quarterly ascertainment of enrolment, &c.)**

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:
(a) by omitting from subsection (4) “in accordance with section 30” and substituting “on the website of the Electoral Commission”;

(b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (4):

(5) The Electoral Commissioner must cause the statement referred to in subsection (4) to be available, on request, at the office of the Electoral Commission.