ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES) BILL 2025

This Public Bill originated in the House of Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

LAURA ROSS, Clerk of the House 13 March 2025

(Brought in by the Minister for Justice, the Honourable Guy Barnett)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 2004

Be it enacted by Her 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:

The Legislative Council has this day Agreed to this Bill with Amendment

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Elector Glerk of the Council Amendment (Alternative Voting Procedures) Act 2025.

2. Commencement

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

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Electoral Act 2004** is referred to as the Principal Act.

4. Part 5, Division 9A inserted

After section 130 of the Principal Act, the following Division is inserted in Part 5:

Division 9A – Alternative voting procedures

130A. Object of Division 9A

The object of this Division is to ensure that electors of all abilities and needs are reasonably provided with the opportunity to vote at an election.

130B. Interpretation of Division

In this Division –

accessibility and inclusion organisation means any one or more of the following:

(a) any organisation or peak body that focuses on advocacy, support or services for people with diverse needs (whether from disability, special

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Page 4, proposed new Division 9A, section 130B, definition of *accessibility and inclusion organisation*, paragraph (a).

Leave out "special needs,".