

# CLAUSE NOTES

## *Electoral Amendment Bill 2024*

- Clause 1      **Short title**
- Clause 2      **Commencement**  
Provides that the Act commences on Royal Assent.
- Clause 3      **Principal Act**  
Provides that the Principal Act that is being amended is *Electoral Act 2004*.
- Clause 4      **Section 196 amended (candidate names not to be used without authority)**  
Section 196 prohibits the printing, publishing or distribution of advertisements, how to vote cards, handbills, pamphlets, posters or notices that contain a candidate's name, photograph or likeness, without that candidate's written consent.  
  
Under the proposed amendment, the prohibition on the use of a candidate's name, likeness or photograph will only apply in relation to how to vote cards.  
  
In addition to prohibiting the printing, publishing or distribution of a how to vote card containing a candidate's name, photograph or likeness without consent, this clause also proposes an amendment to section 196 to prohibit a person from keeping on display a how to vote card that contains a candidate's name etc without their written consent
- Clause 5      **Repeal of Act**