

TASMANIA

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (VOTING AGE) BILL 2021

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(Brought in by Cassandra Stanwell O'Connor MP)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend to *Electoral Act 2004* to allow for voluntary enrolment on the State roll for persons between the ages of 16 and 18 years

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:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Amendment (Voting Age) Act 2021*.

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. Section 31 amended (Entitlement to enrolment)

Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2) –

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- (3) A person who, but for the fact they have not attained the age of 18 years, would be entitled to be enrolled on the Commonwealth roll is entitled to be enrolled on the State roll, if they have attained the age of 16 years.

5. Section 34 amended (Compulsory enrolment and transfer)

Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1) –

(1A) If a person –

- (a) is not enrolled on the State roll;
and
- (b) has attained the age of 16 years;
and
- (c) has not yet attained the age of 18 years; and
- (d) is entitled under section 31 to be enrolled on the State roll –

that person may apply to enrol in accordance with the forms and procedures approved under section 33.

6. Section 39 amended (Preparation of election and candidate rolls)

Section 39 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections –

- (2) The candidate roll is to be in an approved form and, subject to subsection (4), is to include only the name and address of all electors who –
- (a) are on the relevant division roll as at the close of roll for the election; and
 - (b) have attained the age of 18 years on polling day.
- (2A) The election roll is to be in an approved form and, subject to subsection (4), is to include only the name and address of all electors who –
- (a) are on the relevant division roll as at the close of roll for the election; and
 - (b) have attained the age of 16 years on polling day.

7. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which all of the provisions of this Act commence.