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A Bill

for

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1992, the Electoral Regulation 2002 and the State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2000 for particular purposes

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

Clause 1 Short title 3

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Reform Act 2010*. 4

Clause 2 Commencement 5

This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation. 6

Part 2 Amendment of Electoral Act 1992 7
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Clause 3 Act amended 9

This part amends the *Electoral Act 1992*. 10

Clause 4 Amendment of s 97 (Supply of ballot papers and electoral rolls) 11
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Section 97(3), second dot point— 13

omit, insert— 14

- ‘• You must indicate your preference for additional candidates by numbering the other squares in your preferred order.’. 15
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Clause 5 Amendment of s 102 (Procedure for voting) 18

(1) Section 102, before subsection (1)— 19

insert—

‘(1A) This section applies to an elector only if the elector wishes to exercise their right to vote.’

(2) Section 102—

insert—

‘(3A) When requesting a ballot paper from an issuing officer, the person must show the issuing officer the proof of identity documents.

‘(11) In this section—

proof of identity documents, for a person, means the documents, relating to proof of the person’s identity, prescribed under a regulation.’

Clause 6 Amendment of s 106 (Who must make a declaration vote)

(1) Section 106—

renumber as section 106(2).

(2) Section 106—

insert—

‘(1) This section applies only to electors who wish to exercise their right to vote.’

Clause 7 Replacement of s 113 (How electors must vote)

Section 113—

omit, insert—

‘113 How electors must vote

‘(1) An elector must vote by—

(a) writing on a ballot paper the number 1 opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector votes as the elector’s first preference; and

(b) writing the numbers 2, 3, 4 and so on in the other squares opposite the names of all the remaining

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	candidates to indicate the order of the elector's preferences for all of the other candidates.	1 2
	‘(2) The numbers mentioned in subsection (1)(b) must be consecutive numbers, without the repetition of any number.’.	3 4
Clause 8	Replacement of s 125 (Notice of failure to vote etc.)	5
	Section 125—	6
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	7
‘125	Notice to be given if declaration vote not accepted	8
	‘As soon as practicable after an election, the commission must send a notice to each person who made a declaration vote under section 106(c), but whose ballot paper was not accepted for counting under section 116(1), advising the person why the ballot paper was not accepted for counting.’.	9 10 11 12 13
Clause 9	Omission of s 125A (Payments for failure to vote)	14
	Section 125A—	15
	<i>omit.</i>	16
Clause 10	Insertion of new s 161AA	17
	After section 161A—	18
	<i>insert—</i>	19
‘161AA	Distribution and display of how-to-vote cards on polling day	20 21
	‘A person must not distribute or display, or permit or authorise another person to distribute or display, a how-to-vote card on the polling day for the election.	22 23 24
	Maximum penalty—	25
	(a) for an individual—20 penalty units; or	26
	(b) for a corporation—85 penalty units.’.	27

Clause 11	Omission of s 164 (Failure to vote etc.)	1
	Section 164—	2
	<i>omit.</i>	3
Clause 12	Amendment of s 169 (Displaying political statements in certain places)	4
	Section 169—	5
	<i>insert—</i>	6
	‘(1A) Also, a person must not, on the polling day for the election, display a political statement on land occupied by the State.	7
	Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit.’.	8
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Part 3	Amendment of Electoral Regulation 2002	11
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Clause 13	Regulation amended	13
	This part amends the <i>Electoral Regulation 2002</i> .	14

Clause 14	Insertion of new pt 3A	15
	After part 3—	16
	<i>insert—</i>	17

‘Part 3A	Proof of identity documents	18
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‘5A	Documents relating to proof of identity	19
	‘(1) This section prescribes for section 102 of the Act, the documents, relating to proof of identity, for a person (the <i>identified person</i>) that must be sighted by an issuing officer.	20
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‘(2) The issuing officer must sight 1 proof of identity document mentioned in schedule 3 for the identified person.’. 1
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Clause 15 **Insertion of new sch 3** 3

After schedule 2— 4

insert— 5

‘Schedule 3 **Proof of identity documents** 6

section 5A 7

- birth certificate 8
- citizenship certificate or notice of citizenship 9
- current Australian or overseas passport 10
- current driver licence containing the person’s photograph 11
12
- current proof of age card 13
- voter information letter sent by the Electoral Commission Queensland to the voter before the polling day for an election detailing the elector’s enrolment details and enrolled electoral district 14
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16
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- current identification card issued by the Commonwealth or a State as evidence of the person’s entitlement to a financial benefit 18
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Examples— 21

- 1 Commonwealth seniors health card 22
- 2 health care card 23
- 3 medicare card 24
- 4 pensioner concession card 25
- 5 repatriation health card 26

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Clause 17	Amendment of s 5 (Administering authority for particular nominated laws)	1
	Section 5(2)(d)—	2
	<i>omit.</i>	3
		4
Clause 18	Amendment of s 6 (Administering authority for Electoral Act 1992)	5
	Section 6—	6
	<i>omit.</i>	7
		8
Clause 19	Schedule 5 (Other legislation)	9
	Schedule 5, entry for <i>Electoral Act 1992</i> —	10
	<i>omit.</i>	11