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## ANALYSIS.

1. Short title and citation.
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Matter broadcast.

AN ACT to amend the *Electoral Act 1907*.  
[8 June, 1945.]

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1945.

**B**E 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**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Act 1945*. Short title and citation.  
(2) The *Electoral Act 1907*,\* as subsequently amended,  
is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

\* 7 Edw. VII. No. 6, as amended by 2 Geo. V. No. 63, 7 Geo. V. No. 65, 11 Geo. V. No. 11, 12 Geo. V. No. 57, 19 Geo. V. No. 55, 21 Geo. V. No. 68, 5 Geo. VI. No. 26, and by Statute Law Revision. (See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. I., page 933.)

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A.D. 1945. **2** After section one hundred and fifty-four of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted—

Articles to be signed. Common-wealth Act, s. 164.

“154A—(1) On and after the date of issue and before the return of any writ for the election of a member of either House, every article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors, printed and published in any newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or ‘dodger’ shall be signed by the author or authors, giving his or their true name and address or names and addresses at the end of the article, report, letter, or other matter, or, where part only of the article, report, letter, or matter appears in any issue of a newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or ‘dodger,’ at the end of that part.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

(2) Any newspaper editor, or proprietor who permits, in any newspaper which he edits or owns, the publication of any unsigned article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors, after the issue and before the return of any writ for the election of a member of either House, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

(3) This section shall not apply to the publication in a newspaper of—

(a) a leading article; or

(b) an article which consists solely of a report of a meeting and does not contain any comment (other than comment made by a speaker at the meeting) upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors.

(4) Nothing in this section shall require any article, report, letter or other matter to which this section applies, which is printed and published in a newspaper, to be signed by the author thereof, if the author is a person employed by the proprietor of the newspaper and informs the proprietor or editor of the newspaper that he objects, on conscientious grounds, to signing the article, report, letter or other matter.

(5) In any case to which subsection (4) applies the article, report, letter or other matter shall be signed by the editor or proprietor of the newspaper.

Matter broadcast. Commonwealth Act, s. 164A. (Act No. 19, 1940, s. 19.)

“154B—(1) On and after the date of issue and before the return of any writ for the election of a member of either House, a person shall not broadcast, or permit to be broadcast, from any broadcasting station any announcement, statement, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, political party, or the issues being presented to the electors unless that announcement, statement, or other matter includes the true name and address or names and addresses of the author or authors thereof.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

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(2) Where any announcement, statement, or other matter is broadcast in contravention of subsection (1), the person who supplied the announcement, statement, or other matter to the broadcasting station for broadcasting shall, unless he proves that the true name and address or names and addresses of the author or authors were included in the announcement, statement, or other matter so supplied, be guilty of an offence. **A.D. 1945.**

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

(3) This section shall not apply to the inclusion in a summary of news of a report of a meeting which contains no comment (other than comment made by a speaker at the meeting) upon any candidate, political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the expression 'broadcasting station' means a station broadcasting messages by means of wireless telephony."

