

FIREWOOD.

No. 35 of 1956.**AN ACT to amend the *Firewood Act 1951.***
[29 November 1956.]

BE 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:—

Short title and citation.

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Firewood Act 1956.*

(2) The *Firewood Act 1951*, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Loans to wood merchants.

2 Section three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (f) of subsection (1) all the words after the word “rate” to the end of that paragraph and substituting therefor the words “current for long-term Commonwealth loans”.

Expiry of Act.

3 Section seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the numerals “1956” and substituting therefor the numerals “1957”.

HOSPITALS.

No. 36 of 1956.**AN ACT to amend the *Hospitals Act 1918.***
[29 November 1956.]

BE 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:—

Short title and citation.

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Hospitals Act 1956.*

(2) The *Hospitals Act 1918*, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

2 Section four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of "Director" and substituting therefor the following definition:—

Interpretation.

" 'Director' means the Director-General of Health Services: "

3 Section six A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the word "Medical" and substituting therefor the word "Health".

Director-General of Medical Services.

4 Section eleven of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:—

Constitution and incorporation of public hospitals boards.

"(2A) A medical practitioner who is employed in a full-time and permanent capacity by the Commonwealth or the State or by an authority constituted under any law of the Commonwealth or of the State is not eligible to be nominated or to vote at elections held for the purposes of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of this section."; and

(b) by re-numbering the existing subsection (2A) as subsection (2B).

5 After section twenty-nine of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

"29A—(1) A board shall, forthwith after the commencement of this section, compile, and shall keep in the prescribed form, a register of all lands held by it, and shall give the Secretary for Lands a copy of its register as first compiled and of all alterations thereafter made therein.

Lands of public hospitals boards.

(2) Without prejudice to the powers of the Crown to enforce this section, the Secretary for Lands may require a board to supply copies under this section within thirty days after the date of his requirement and in default may sue in his own name on behalf of the Crown and recover from every person being a member of the board during that thirty days a penalty of five pounds."

6 The second schedule to the Principal Act is amended—

The second schedule.

(a) by omitting paragraph 1 and substituting therefor the following paragraph:—

"1 The Chief Electoral Officer or an officer of the Electoral Department appointed by him shall be the returning officer at any election held for the purposes of section sixteen."

(b) by omitting paragraphs 8, 9, 10, and 11 and substituting therefor the following paragraph:—

“ Voting by postal-ballot.

“ 8—(1) The returning officer shall, as soon as practicable after the day of nomination, transmit by post to every person who is entitled to vote at the election—

I A ballot-paper: and

II An envelope addressed to the returning officer, with a certificate endorsed thereon and signed by the returning officer.

(2) A ballot-paper shall be in accordance with the following form:—

‘ **BALLOT-PAPER.**

*Election of a member of the
Public Hospitals Board by component local
authorities.*

LIST OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED.

(See directions on the back of this paper.)

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(Directions to be printed on the back of the ballot-paper.)

- (a) Every voter must place the figure 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote as his first choice; the figure 2 opposite his second choice; and the figure 3 opposite his third choice.
- (b) A voter may indicate the order of his choice for as many more of the other candidates as he pleases by placing opposite their names other numbers next in numerical order after those already used by him.

- (c) He must sign his name on the envelope bearing the returning officer's certificate.
- (d) He must fold up the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and forward it by post or otherwise in the envelope addressed to and to reach the returning officer, not later than o'clock in the afternoon of the day of election.

(3) The certificate on the envelope referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be in accordance with the following form:—

‘I hereby certify that..... is entitled to vote at the election of a member of the Public Hospitals Board to be held on.....

.....
(Signature of returning officer.)

.....
(Signature of voter.)’.

(4) A voter who has received a ballot-paper shall record his vote by—

- (a) marking his ballot-paper in the manner provided by section 119 of the *Electoral Act 1907*, in respect of an election for a division;
 - (b) signing his name upon the certificate issued to him by the returning officer; and
 - (c) folding up the ballot-paper so that the vote cannot be seen, and delivering it personally, or forwarding it by post or otherwise, enclosed in the envelope, addressed to the returning officer, so that it will reach him not later than the time appointed for closing the poll.”;
- (e) by omitting sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 13;
 - (d) by omitting from sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph the words “by making a cross in the square opposite the name of the candidate or each of the candidates for whom he votes” and substituting therefor the words “so as to give effect to the intention of the voter as to the candidates for whom he desires to vote and the order in which he desires to exercise his preferences for those candidates”;
 - (e) by omitting sub-paragraph (5) of that paragraph;
 - (f) by omitting paragraph 16 and substituting therefor the following paragraph:—

“Scrutiny of votes and declaration.

“16—(1) The returning officer shall, as soon as reasonably may be after the poll has closed, in the presence of his poll clerk (if any) and of such of the scrutineers as may attend, but not of any candidate—

- I Examine the certificate on each envelope and, if it is signed by the voter and is in order, shall mark off the voter’s name on the roll of persons entitled to vote:
- II Open the envelope and, without unfolding the ballot-paper, deposit the ballot-paper in a locked ballot-box:
- III After all the ballot-papers have been so deposited, open the ballot-box containing the ballot-papers and count the votes in accordance with the method prescribed in the fourth schedule to the *Electoral Act 1907*:
- IV Make out a written statement, signed by himself and countersigned by the poll clerk (if any) and by any scrutineers who are present and consent to sign it, containing the numbers in words as well as figures of the votes received for each candidate:
- V As soon as possible, there openly declare those numbers, and at the same time and place declare the names of the candidates elected: and
- VI Forthwith thereafter certify to the secretary, by writing under his hand, the names of the candidates so elected and the date of the declaration of the result of the election.

(2) At the time of opening the ballot-box the returning officer shall produce, for the information of the scrutineers, the roll of persons entitled to vote, as well as an alphabetical list signed by him of all voters to whom he has posted or issued ballot-papers.”;

(g) by omitting division II of paragraph 17 and substituting therefor the following division:—

“II Is enclosed in an envelope the certificate on which is not signed by the voter:”;

(h) by omitting division v of that paragraph and substituting therefor the following division:—

“v Has the same number (being the number 1, or the number 2, or the number 3) opposite the name of more than one candidate or the voter has not indicated the order

of his preference for at least three candidates (if there are more candidates than two)."; and

- (i) by omitting from paragraph 18 the words "the returning officer may, if qualified, vote at an election in addition to giving a casting vote."

PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTION (No. 3).

No. 37 of 1956.

AN ACT to provide for the execution and carrying out of certain public works and purposes and to authorize the borrowing of certain sums of money, and the reappropriation of certain unexpended moneys, for meeting the costs of those works and purposes, and for the purposes of the *Transport Act* 1938 and the *Hydro-Electric Commission Act* 1944.
[29 November 1956.]

BE 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:—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1 This Act may be cited as the *Public Works Execution Act* (No. 3) 1956. Short title.