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## **A Bill**

for

**An Act to amend the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* and the  
*Electoral Act 1992* 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 (Improving Representation) and Another Act Amendment Act 2015*. 4  
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**Clause 2 Commencement** 6

(1) Part 2 commences immediately after the first 7  
post-redistribution writ is issued. 8

(2) In this section— 9

**2016 electoral redistribution** means the first electoral 10  
redistribution under the *Electoral Act 1992* that becomes final 11  
under that Act after the commencement of part 3. 12

*Note—* 13

For electoral redistributions, see the *Electoral Act 1992*, part 3. 14

**first post-redistribution writ** means the writ for the general 15  
election first issued under the *Electoral Act 1992*, section 82 16  
after the 2016 electoral redistribution has become final. 17

**Part 2 Amendment of Constitution of Queensland 2001** 18  
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**Clause 3 Act amended** 20

This part amends the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*. 21

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<b>Clause 4</b>	<b>Amendment of s 11 (Number of members of Legislative Assembly)</b>	1
	Section 11, ‘89’—	2
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	3
	93	4
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<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Amendment of Electoral Act 1992</b>	6
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<b>Clause 5</b>	<b>Act amended</b>	8
	This part amends the <i>Electoral Act 1992</i> .	9

<b>Clause 6</b>	<b>Amendment of s 2 (Definitions)</b>	10
	Section 2—	11
	<i>insert—</i>	12
	<i>bipartisan support</i> , of the parliamentary committee, means—	13
	(a) support of the members of the parliamentary committee unanimously; or	14
	(b) support of a majority of the members, other than a majority consisting wholly of members of the political party or parties in government in the Legislative Assembly.	15
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<b>Clause 7</b>	<b>Amendment of s 3 (Average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts)</b>	21
	Section 3(1), definition <i>average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts</i> , ‘89’—	22
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	23
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<b>Clause 8</b>	<b>Amendment of s 6 (Establishment of Electoral Commission of Queensland etc.)</b>	2
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(1)	Section 6(6), from ‘be’—	4
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	5
	be a person with qualifications and experience in	6
	applied demography relevant to contemporary	7
	electoral redistributions.	8
(2)	Section 6(7)—	9
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	10
(7)	A person may be appointed as the chairperson or	11
	nonjudicial appointee only if the person’s	12
	appointment is made with the bipartisan support	13
	of the parliamentary committee.	14
<b>Clause 9</b>	<b>Amendment of s 22 (Terms and conditions of appointment etc.)</b>	15
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	Section 22(2)—	17
	<i>insert—</i>	18
	(c) the person’s appointment is made with the	19
	bipartisan support of the parliamentary	20
	committee.	21
<b>Clause 10</b>	<b>Amendment of s 34 (Number of electoral districts for the State)</b>	22
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	Section 34, ‘89’—	24
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	25
	93	26



<b>Clause 11</b>	<b>Amendment of s 35 (Distribution, and redistribution, of State into electoral districts)</b>	1
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	Section 35(3), ‘89’—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	93	5
<b>Clause 12</b>	<b>Amendment of s 52 (When redistribution takes effect)</b>	6
	(1) Section 52(1), after ‘subject to’—	7
	<i>insert—</i>	8
	subsection (3) and	9
	(2) Section 52(2), ‘The’—	10
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
	Subject to subsection (3), the	12
	(3) Section 52—	13
	<i>insert—</i>	14
	(3) For the 2016 electoral redistribution—	15
	(a) there is no increase in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly; and	16
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	(b) the electoral districts, as in existence before the redistribution, continue in force;	18
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	until the first post-redistribution writ is issued	20
	and any appeal under section 57(6) has been disposed of by the Court of Appeal.	21
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	(4) Subsection (3) has effect despite the <i>Constitution of Queensland 2001</i> , sections 12 and 13.	23
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	(5) In this section—	25
	<b>2016 electoral redistribution</b> means the first electoral redistribution that becomes final after the commencement of the <i>Electoral (Improving Representation) and Another Act Amendment Act 2015</i> , part 3.	26
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*first post-redistribution writ* means the writ for a 1  
general election first issued after the 2016 2  
electoral redistribution has become final. 3

Authorised by the Parliamentary Counsel