



# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 42 of 1990

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## AN ACT

to amend the *Electoral Act*

[Assented to 15 August 1990]

**B**E it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Amendment Act 1990*.

2. REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE TO MINISTER

Section 17(2) of the *Electoral Act* is amended by omitting "The Minister" and substituting "Subject to section 18A, the Minister".

3. NEW SECTION

The *Electoral Act* is amended by inserting after section 18 the following:

"18A. ERRORS OR INCONSISTENCIES IN REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

"(1) Where before the coming into operation of this section -

- (a) the Distribution Committee has forwarded a report to the Minister pursuant to section 17(1); and
- (b) the Chairman of the Distribution Committee has advised the Minister in writing that there is an error or inconsistency in the report and identifying the error or inconsistency,

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the Minister may, instead of tabling a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly pursuant to section 17(2), direct the Distribution Committee to prepare and forward to the Minister a revised report in accordance with this section.

"(2) For the purposes of this section the written advice referred to in subsection (1) is conclusive evidence of the matters stated in it.

"(3) Where the Distribution Committee is directed in pursuance of subsection (1) to prepare a revised report and the correction of the error or removal of the inconsistency will involve amending the map included in the original report, it shall prepare a map eliminating the error or inconsistency and cause the corrected map (together with a copy of the written advice to the Minister under subsection (1)) to be exhibited in accordance with section 15 (but only that part of the map containing the correction or change) and, subject to subsection (4), that section and section 16, with the necessary changes, applies to and in relation to the map and the distribution proposed in it.

"(4) The corrected map referred to in subsection (3) shall be exhibited in those places referred to in section 15(a) only in the divisions the Distribution Committee considers to be directly affected by the correction or change and in such other proposed division, if any, as it thinks fit.

"(5) The Distribution Committee shall, as soon as practicable, or as soon as practicable after the expiration of the period specified in section 16 in its application in accordance with subsection (3) where the corrected map is required to be exhibited, forward to the Minister the revised report and sections 17 and 18 apply, and the report shall be dealt with, as if it were the original report of the Distribution Committee in connection with the proposed distribution.

"(6) A revised report forwarded to the Minister under this section may contain such information included in the original report as the Distribution Committee thinks fit.

"(7) In the performance of any of its functions as the result of a direction under subsection (1), it is not necessary for the Distribution Committee to be composed of the same persons as the Committee at the time the original report was forwarded under section 17(1) to the Minister.

"(8) In this section 'report' includes documents purporting to be a report of the Distribution Committee."