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South Australia

Referendum (Deadlocks) Bill 2015

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the submission of the *Constitution (Deadlocks) Amendment Bill 2015* to a referendum.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Referendum (Deadlocks) Act 2015*.

2—The referendum

- 5 (1) The *Constitution (Deadlocks) Amendment Bill 2015* must, when passed by the Parliament but before being presented to the Governor for assent, be submitted to a referendum of electors for the House of Assembly.
- (2) The question to be put to electors at the referendum is:
 - 10 Do you approve the *Constitution (Deadlocks) Amendment Bill 2015*?
- (3) The day appointed for the referendum must be a day that has been fixed for a general election of members of the House of Assembly (taking into account the requirements of section 10A of the *Constitution Act 1934*).
- (4) If a majority of electors voting at the referendum approve the *Constitution (Deadlocks) Amendment Bill 2015* then the Bill will be presented to the Governor for
15 assent.
- (5) A referendum under this Act may be held on the same day as a referendum under another Act.

3—Conduct of referendum

- (1) The Electoral Commissioner is responsible for the conduct of the referendum.
- 20 (2) A political party registered under the *Electoral Act 1985* may by notice in a form approved by the Electoral Commissioner appoint 1 or more scrutineers for the purposes of the referendum.
- (3) The *Electoral Act 1985* applies to the referendum with adaptations, exclusions and
25 modifications prescribed by regulation as if the referendum were a general election of members of the House of Assembly.
- (4) When the result of the referendum is known, the Electoral Commissioner must declare the result by notice in the Gazette.

4—Regulations

- 30 The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by, or necessary or expedient for the purposes of, this Act.