

Version No. 031**Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982****Act No. 9801/1982**

Version incorporating amendments as at 1 July 2004

TABLE OF PROVISIONS

| <i>Section</i> | <i>Page</i> |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Short title | 1 |
| 2. Definitions | 1 |
| 3. Establishment of Electoral Boundaries Commission | 2 |
| 4. Tenure of Office of Electoral Commissioner and Surveyor-General | 2 |
| 5. Function of Commission | 3 |
| 6. Assignment of Judge to Commission | 4 |
| 7. Chairman and quorum | 4 |
| 8. Meetings | 4 |
| 9. Factors to be taken into account by Commissioners | 5 |
| 10. Submissions and reports | 5 |
| 10A. Map to be exhibited | 6 |
| 10B. Objections | 7 |
| 11. Commissioners to forward statement of division etc. to Minister | 7 |
| 12. Deposit of statement etc. in Central Plan Office etc. | 8 |
| 13. Notice of deposit of statement of division | 8 |
| 14. Commencement of province divisions | 9 |
| 15. Commencement of district divisions | 9 |
| 16. Effect of division upon Members of Legislative Council | 10 |
| 16A. Effect on election of Assembly members | 10 |
| 17. Preparation of rolls | 11 |
| 18. Establishment of first regions | 12 |
| 19. Interim regions if early election required | 13 |
| SCHEDULE—Regions | 15 |

| <i>Section</i> | <i>Page</i> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| ENDNOTES | 16 |
| 1. General Information | 16 |
| 2. Table of Amendments | 17 |
| 3. Explanatory Details | 19 |

Version No. 031

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982

Act No. 9801/1982

Version incorporating amendments as at 1 July 2004

An Act to establish an Electoral Commission for dividing the State of Victoria from time to time into Electoral Provinces for the Legislative Council and Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**¹.

S. 1 amended by No. 75/1988 s. 7(1).

2. Definitions

In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

"Commission" means the Electoral Boundaries Commission² constituted under this Act;

S. 2 def. of "Commission" amended by No. 75/1988 s. 7(5)(Sch. Pt B item 6).

"district" means electoral district for the Legislative Assembly;

"province" means electoral province for the Legislative Council;

S. 2 def. of "province" amended by No. 23/2002 s. 190(1)(a).

s. 3

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982

Act No. 9801/1982

S. 2 def. of "Victorian Electoral Commission" inserted by No. 23/2002 s. 190(1)(b).

"Victorian Electoral Commission" means the Victorian Electoral Commission established under section 6 of the **Electoral Act 2002**.

3. Establishment of Electoral Boundaries Commission

S. 3(1) amended by No. 75/1988 s. 7(5)(Sch. Pt B item 6).

(1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be an Electoral Boundaries Commission³ constituted as provided in sub-section (2).

S. 3(2) amended by No. 75/1988 s. 7(5)(Sch. Pt B item 6).

(2) The Electoral Boundaries Commission shall consist of three persons of whom—

S. 3(2)(b) amended by No. 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2).

- (a) one, who shall be chairman, shall be the Chief Judge of the County Court or his duly appointed nominee;
- (b) one shall be the Electoral Commissioner for the time being; and
- (c) one shall be the Surveyor-General for the time being.

4. Tenure of Office of Electoral Commissioner and Surveyor-General

S. 4(1) amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(2)(a).

(1) The Surveyor-General shall hold office during good behaviour and may be suspended from office by the Governor in Council, but shall not be removed from office except as hereinafter provided.

S. 4(2) amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(2)(b).

(2) The Minister shall cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament a full statement of the grounds of any suspension of the Surveyor-General within seven days after such suspension if Parliament is then sitting, or if not then sitting within seven days after the next sitting of Parliament.

(3) The Surveyor-General so suspended shall be restored to office by the Governor in Council unless each House of Parliament within forty-two days after the day when such statement is laid before it and in the same session severally declares by resolution that he ought to be removed from office; and if each House within the said time so declares the Surveyor-General shall be removed by the Governor in Council accordingly.

S. 4(3) amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(2)(c).

* * * * *

S. 4(4)(5) amended by No. 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), repealed by No. 42/1995 s. 224(Sch. 2 item 12).

(6) The Surveyor-General shall cease to hold office if he or she becomes bankrupt or applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt debtors or compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her property for the creditors' benefit or a deed of arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy.

S. 4(6) amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(3) (a)-(d).

5. Function of Commission

(1) Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Act the function of the Commission shall be to divide the State of Victoria into electoral provinces for the Legislative Council and electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as often as is necessary from time to time for the conduct of elections for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly with the object of establishing and maintaining electoral provinces of approximately equal enrolment and electoral districts of approximately equal enrolment and to determine the boundaries thereof.

S. 5(2)
substituted by
No. 9894
s. 2(1).

- (2) Subject to and in accordance with section 27 and section 35 of the **Constitution Act 1975** the Commission shall divide Victoria into provinces and districts⁴.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section the Commission shall not be required to undertake a redivision of the State of Victoria after the Commission has divided the State into electoral provinces and electoral districts pursuant to the provisions of this Act unless the number of electors enrolled for the provinces or districts do not comply to a substantial extent with the requirements of this Act with respect to approximate equal enrolment.

6. Assignment of Judge to Commission

The Chief Judge of the County Court may by writing signed by him assign a Judge of the County Court to be a member of the Commission in his stead either generally or for a specified period or periods.

7. Chairman and quorum

- (1) At all meetings of the Commission the chairman, if present, shall preside and in his absence the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside.
- (2) Two members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum of the Commission and shall have full power to act.

8. Meetings

- (1) The Commission shall meet as often as it considers necessary for carrying out its functions under this Act but shall meet at intervals of not more than two years after the holding of general elections for the Legislative Assembly and periodical elections for the Legislative Council.
-

- (2) The Commission shall meet at such times and in such places as the Commission from time to time determines or as the chairman appoints and notifies to the Commissioners.

9. Factors to be taken into account by Commissioners

- (1) In making any division of electors and in determining the number of electors to be allocated to a province or district the Commissioners shall give due consideration to—
- (a) area and physical features of terrain;
 - (b) means of travel, traffic arteries, and communications and any special difficulties in connection therewith;
 - (c) community or diversity of interests; and
 - (d) the likelihood of changes in the number of electors in the various localities.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act the Commission may take electoral provinces or electoral districts to be of approximately equal enrolment where the enrolment for each province or district does not vary by more than 10 per centum from the average enrolment of all provinces or districts (as the case requires).

10. Submissions and reports

- (1) In the course of its deliberations the Commission shall invite submissions from the public and may obtain such reports and make such inspections as it thinks necessary and may call such persons having special knowledge before the Commission as it thinks necessary.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to make submissions to the Commission in writing or, by leave of the Commission, orally.

s. 10A

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982
Act No. 9801/1982

S. 10(5)
amended by
No. 10/2004
s. 15(Sch. 1
item 7(a)(b)).

S. 10(6)
amended by
No. 9894 s. 3.

S. 10A
inserted by
No. 9894 s. 4,
amended by
No. 12/1989
s. 4(1)(Sch. 2
items 32.1,
32.2).

- (3) Where the Commission hears oral submissions the Commission shall hear them in public and cause them to be recorded and a transcript to be made thereof which shall be taken to be a public document as described in this section.
- (4) Each submission made in response to such invitation shall be deemed to be a public document and the same or a copy thereof and a transcript or copy of a transcript of any oral submission shall be open for inspection at the office of the Commission at all times during its normal office hours until the expiration of three months after the statement, particulars and maps referred to in section 11 shall have first been laid before Parliament.
- (5) Every person who obstructs or endeavours to influence a member of the Commission in the performance of his duties or the exercise of his discretion under this Act otherwise than by way of a submission pursuant to sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding 50 penalty units.
- (6) Any person convicted of any offence against sub-section (5) shall be disqualified from being elected to or holding office as a member of the Parliament of Victoria during a period of three years after the date of such conviction.

10A. Map to be exhibited

Before forwarding to the Minister a statement of the division of electors agreed upon together with other particulars referred to in section 11, the Commissioners shall cause a map of the boundaries of each proposed electoral province, showing the proposed electoral districts contained therein, to be exhibited at the municipal office of every municipal council within the meaning of the **Local Government Act 1989** in the proposed

electoral province and invite public attention to that map by advertisement published in the Government Gazette and in two newspapers circulating throughout the proposed electoral province.

10B. Objections

S. 10B
inserted by
No. 9894 s. 4.

Suggestions or objections in writing concerning a proposed electoral province or proposed electoral district may be lodged with the Commissioners not later than 30 days after the advertisement in the Government Gazette referred to in the last preceding section, and the Commissioners shall consider all suggestions and objections so lodged before forwarding their statement to the Minister.

11. Commissioners to forward statement of division etc. to Minister

S. 11
amended by
No. 9894 s. 5.

The Commissioners shall, immediately after the expiration of the period of 30 days referred to in section 10B, consider any suggestions or objections which have been lodged pursuant to section 10B and where the Commissioners are agreed upon an electoral division the Commissioners shall forward to the Minister a statement of the division of electors agreed upon together with particulars of the number of electors residing in each electoral province or electoral district respectively as nearly as can be ascertained and maps signed by the Commissioners showing the name and boundaries of each electoral province and electoral district.

12. Deposit of statement etc. in Central Plan Office etc.

- (1) Within fourteen days after receiving any statement, particulars, and maps referred to in section 11 the Minister shall cause a copy thereof—
 - (a) to be deposited in the Central Plan Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment;
 - (b) to be forwarded to the Victorian Electoral Commission;
 - (c) to be laid before each House of Parliament if Parliament is then sitting; and
 - (d) to be forwarded to each member of Parliament.
- (2) If Parliament is not sitting at the time referred to in sub-section (1) the Minister shall cause a copy of the statement, particulars, and maps to be laid before each House of Parliament within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

S. 12(1)(a) amended by Nos 41/1987 s. 103(Sch. 4 item 15.1), 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1).

S. 12(1)(b) amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(4).

S. 13(1) amended by Nos 41/1987 s. 103(Sch. 4 item 15.2), 76/1998 s. 20.

13. Notice of deposit of statement of division

- (1) Within fourteen days after any statement, particulars, and maps are deposited in the Central Plan Office pursuant to the provisions of section 12 the Department Head of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment shall cause to be published in the Government Gazette notice of the fact thereof and of the day upon which they were so deposited.

- (2) A notice under sub-section (1) shall also specify the days and hours when a copy of the statement, particulars, and maps may be inspected by members of the public.

14. Commencement of province divisions

Immediately after the day notified in the Government Gazette under section 13 in relation to a division of electors the names and boundaries of the electoral provinces for the Legislative Council set forth in the statement of the Commissioners deposited in the Central Plan Office shall be published in the Government Gazette by the Victorian Electoral Commission and on the day on which writs are next issued for a general election or a periodical election for the Legislative Council (whichever first occurs) the names and boundaries of electoral provinces so published shall be deemed to be substituted for the names and boundaries of the electoral provinces previously published in the Government Gazette under section 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975**.

S. 14 substituted by No. 9894 s. 6, amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(4).

15. Commencement of district divisions

Immediately after the day notified in the Government Gazette under section 13 in relation to a division of electors the names and boundaries of the electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly set forth in the statement of the Commissioners deposited in the Central Plan Office shall be published in the Government Gazette by the Victorian Electoral Commission and on the day on which a dissolution or other lawful determination of the Legislative Assembly next occurs the names and boundaries of electoral districts so published shall be deemed to be substituted for the names and boundaries of the electoral districts previously published in the

S. 15 substituted by No. 9894 s. 6, amended by Nos 75/1988 s. 4(3)(Sch. Pt A item 2), 23/2002 s. 190(4).

Government Gazette under section 35 of the
Constitution Act 1975.

16. Effect of division upon Members of Legislative Council

- (1) Where a periodical election of members of the Legislative Council next occurs after a division of electors under this Act the division shall not affect those members of the Legislative Council who are not due to retire before that election but each such member shall be entitled to sit and vote as though that division of electors under this Act had not been made.
- (2) Where, after the day notified in the Government Gazette under section 13 in relation to a division of electors, the seat of a member for a province (in this Act called "the old province") the name and boundaries of which had been declared before that division in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975** and which was existing immediately before that division becomes vacant otherwise than by a general dissolution of the Legislative Council or by his retirement due to effluxion of time a writ shall be issued for the election of one member of the Legislative Council to fill, and one member of the Legislative Council shall be elected by the electors of the old province to fill, the place of such member and such member so elected shall, subject to the **Constitution Act 1975**, be entitled to hold such seat during the unexpired portion of the period for which his predecessor was elected.

16A. Effect on election of Assembly members

Where, after the day notified in the Government Gazette under section 13 in relation to a division of electors and before the day of dissolution or other lawful determination of the Assembly occurring next after that division the seat of a

S. 16
amended by
No. 9894
s. 7(a)(b).

S. 16(2)
inserted by
No. 9894
s. 7(b).

S. 16A
inserted by
No. 9894 s. 8.

member for a district which was existing immediately before that division becomes vacant, that division shall not affect any election of a member of the Assembly to serve in the place of that member, and for the purposes of any such election the electoral districts as theretofore existing and the electoral rolls in respect thereof shall continue to have full force and effect.

17. Preparation of rolls

- (1) As soon as practicable after the Victorian Electoral Commission receives a copy of any statement of division of electors under this Act, the Victorian Electoral Commission must cause new electoral rolls to be prepared in accordance with the **Electoral Act 2002** for the new electoral provinces and electoral districts.

S. 17(1)
amended by
No. 75/1988
s. 4(3)(Sch.
Pt A item 2),
substituted by
No. 23/2002
s. 190(5).

* * * * *

S. 17(2)
amended by
No. 9894 s. 9,
repealed by
No. 24/1999
s. 46.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act the Governor in Council may—
- (a) by Order give such directions or provide for any matters or things as appear necessary or expedient for the preparation of the new electoral rolls or for carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Act;
 - (b) modify any provision of any proclamation Order in Council or regulation so far as appears necessary or expedient to give effect to any direction or Order under this section.

s. 18
inserted by
No. 2/2003
s. 44.

18. Establishment of first regions

- (1) Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Act, for the purpose of enabling the holding of the first election of the Council in accordance with sections 26 and 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975** as proposed to be inserted by section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**, it is also a function of the Commission during the period starting on 1 January 2005 and ending on 30 November 2005, to divide the State of Victoria into electoral regions for the Legislative Council for the conduct of elections for the Legislative Council with the object of establishing electoral regions of approximately equal enrolment and to determine the boundaries thereof.
- (2) For the purpose of this section, the Commission is to carry out its function as if sections 26 and 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975** as proposed to be inserted by section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003** were in operation.
- (3) Immediately after the day notified in the Government Gazette under section 13 in relation to a division of electors for the purposes of this section, the names and boundaries of the electoral regions for the Legislative Council set forth in the statement of the Commissioners deposited in the Central Plan Office must be published in the Government Gazette by the Victorian Electoral Commission.
- (4) On the day on which writs are issued for the general election next following the dissolution or other lawful determination of the Assembly last elected before the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003** receives the Royal Assent, the names and boundaries of the electoral regions

published in accordance with sub-section (3) are deemed to be substituted for the names and boundaries of the electoral provinces previously published in the Government Gazette under section 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975** as in force immediately before the commencement of section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**.

19. Interim regions if early election required

- (1) This section only applies if, before the Commission has completed the division of the State of Victoria into electoral regions in accordance with section 18, the Legislative Assembly is dissolved and section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003** comes into operation.
- (2) Despite anything in this Act and despite section 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975**, if this section applies, on the commencement of section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**, the boundaries of the regions referred to by a number in the Schedule are deemed to be substituted for the names and boundaries of the provinces previously published in the Government Gazette under section 27 of the **Constitution Act 1975** as in force immediately before the commencement of section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**.
- (3) If this section applies, immediately after the commencement of section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**, the Commission must—
 - (a) divide the State of Victoria into the regions referred to in the Schedule; and

S. 19
inserted by
No. 2/2003
s. 44.

- (b) allocate a name to each region; and
 - (c) publish the names and the regions in the Government Gazette.
- (4) The name allocated to a region in the statement published in the Government Gazette is deemed to be substituted in the Schedule for the number of the region to which the name is allocated as from the date that the Government Gazette is published.
- (5) As soon as practicable after the commencement of section 8 of the **Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003**, the Victorian Electoral Commission must cause new electoral rolls to be prepared in accordance with the **Electoral Act 2002** for the new electoral regions.
-

*Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**Act No. 9801/1982*

Sch.

SCHEDULESch.
inserted by
No. 2/2003
s. 44.**REGIONS**

| <i>Region</i> | <i>Boundary</i> |
|---------------|--|
| 1 | Enclosing the districts of Bass, Frankston, Gembrook, Gippsland East, Gippsland South, Hastings, Monbulk, Mornington, Morwell, Narracan, Nepean |
| 2 | Enclosing the districts of Albert Park, Box Hill, Brunswick, Essendon, Hawthorn, Ivanhoe, Kew, Melbourne, Northcote, Prahran, Richmond |
| 3 | Enclosing the districts of Ballarat East, Ballarat West, Bellarine, Geelong, Lara, Lowan, Melton, Polwarth, Ripon, South Barwon, South-West Coast |
| 4 | Enclosing the districts of Bentleigh, Brighton, Burwood, Carrum, Caulfield, Clayton, Malvern, Mordialloc, Mount Waverley, Oakleigh, Sandringham |
| 5 | Enclosing the districts of Bulleen, Bundoora, Doncaster, Eltham, Evelyn, Kilsyth, Mill Park, Preston, Thomastown, Warrandyte, Yan Yean |
| 6 | Enclosing the districts of Benalla, Benambra, Bendigo East, Bendigo West, Macedon, Mildura, Murray Valley, Rodney, Seymour, Shepparton, Swan Hill |
| 7 | Enclosing the districts of Bayswater, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Ferntree Gully, Forest Hill, Lyndhurst, Mitcham, Mulgrave, Narre Warren North, Narre Warren South, Scoresby |
| 8 | Enclosing the districts of Altona, Broadmeadows, Derrimut, Footscray, Keilor, Kororoit, Niddrie, Pascoe Vale, Tarneit, Williamstown, Yuroke |

ENDNOTES

1. General Information

The **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982** was assented to on 23 November 1982 and came into operation on 23 November 1982.

The name of this Act was changed from the **Electoral Commission Act 1982** to the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982** by section 7(1) of **The Constitution Act Amendment (Electoral Reform) Act 1988**, No. 75/1988.

*Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**Act No. 9801/1982*

Endnotes

2. Table of Amendments

This Version incorporates amendments made to the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982** by Acts and subordinate instruments.

Electoral Commission (Amendment) Act 1983, No. 9894/1983

Assent Date: 31.5.83
Commencement Date: 31.5.83: s. 1(3)
Current State: All of Act in operation

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987, No. 41/1987

Assent Date: 19.5.87
Commencement Date: S. 103(Sch. 4 item 15.1) on 1.7.87: Government Gazette 24.6.87 p. 1694
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

The Constitution Act Amendment (Electoral Reform) Act 1988, No. 75/1988

Assent Date: 15.12.88
Commencement Date: 1.1.89: s. 2
Current State: All of Act in operation

Local Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1989, No. 12/1989

Assent Date: 9.5.89
Commencement Date: S. 4(1)(Sch. 2 items 32.1, 32.2) on 1.11.89: Government Gazette 1.11.89 p. 2798
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

Equal Opportunity Act 1995, No. 42/1995

Assent Date: 14.6.95
Commencement Date: S. 224(Sch. 2 item 12) on 1.1.96: Government Gazette 21.12.95 p. 3571
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998

Assent Date: 26.5.98
Commencement Date: S. 7(Sch. 1) on 1.7.98: s. 2(2)
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

*Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**Act No. 9801/1982***Conservation, Forests and Lands (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 76/1998**

Assent Date: 10.11.98
Commencement Date: S. 20 on 15.12.98: s.2(5)
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

The Constitution Act Amendment (Amendment) Act 1999, No. 24/1999

Assent Date: 25.5.99
Commencement Date: 8.6.99: s. 2
Current State: All of Act in operation

Electoral Act 2002, No. 23/2002

Assent Date: 12.6.02
Commencement Date: S. 190 on 1.9.02: Government Gazette 29.8.02 p. 2333
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003, No. 2/2003

Assent Date: 8.4.03
Commencement Date: S. 44 on 8.4.03: Special Gazette (No. 57) 8.4.03 p. 1
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

Monetary Units Act 2004, No. 10/2004

Assent Date: 11.5.04
Commencement Date: S. 15(Sch. 1 item 7) on 1.7.04: s. 2(2)
Current State: This information relates only to the provision/s amending the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**

3. Explanatory Details

¹ S. 1: Section 7(2)(3) of **The Constitution Act Amendment (Electoral Reform) Act 1988**, No. 75/1988 reads as follows:

7. Change of name of Electoral Commission

- (2) Any reference in any Act or subordinate instrument within the meaning of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984** to—
- (a) the **Electoral Commission Act 1982** is to be construed as a reference to the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**; and
 - (b) the Electoral Commission is to be construed as a reference to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.
- (3) The Electoral Boundaries Commission is the same body as the Electoral Commission and no act, matter or thing is in any way abated or affected by reason of the change of name.

² S. 2: See note 1.

³ S. 3: See note 1.

⁴ S. 5(2): Section 2(2) of the **Electoral Commission (Amendment) Act 1983**, No. 9894/1983 reads as follows:

2. Amendment of No. 9801 s. 5(2)

- (2) For the first division made under the **Electoral Commission Act 1982** each of the 22 provinces shall consist of four complete and contiguous districts and the Legislative Assembly shall consist of 88 districts.