LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RATING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2022

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Dr RATNAM)

1.   Clause 1, page 2, line 13, omit "owners." and insert "owners; and".

2.   Clause 1, page 2, after line 13 insert—

"(e)   to amend the **Local Government Act 2020** and the **City of Melbourne Act 2001** to enable a person who has attained 16 years of age to enrol on the voter's roll; and

 (f)   to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** to enable a person who has attained 16 years of age to provisionally enrol on the register of electors.".

3.   Page 18, after line 21 insert the following heading—

"Division 2A—Minimum voting age".

NEW CLAUSES

4.   Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 27 and the heading proposed by amendment number 1—

'27A   Residents entitled to be enrolled without application

In section 241(2)(a) of the **Local Government Act 2020**, for "18" **substitute** "16".

27B   Voting is compulsory

 For section 266(4) of the **Local Government Act 2020 substitute**—

"(4)   Subsection (1) or (2) does not apply if—

(a) the person is less than 18 years of age; or

(b) an exemption prescribed by the regulations applies to the person.".'.

5.   Page 26, after line 30 insert the following heading—

"Part 7A—Amendment of City of Melbourne Act 2001".

NEW CLAUSES

6.   Insert the following New Clauses to follow clause 47 and the heading proposed by amendment number 5—

'47A   Persons entitled to be enrolled without application

In section 9A(2)(a) of the **City of Melbourne Act 2001**, for "18 years" **substitute** "16 years".

47B   Compulsory voting

For section 19(1A) of the **City of Melbourne Act 2001 substitute**—

"(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if—

(a) the person is less than 18 years of age; or

(b) an exemption prescribed by regulations under this Act or the **Local Government Act 2020** applies to the person.".'.

7. Page 27, before line 1 insert the following heading—

"Part 7B—Amendment of Electoral Act 2002".

NEW CLAUSE

8. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 47 and the heading proposed by amendment number 7—

'47C **Entitlement to enrolment of electors for Assembly and Council**

In section 22(5) of the **Electoral Act 2002**, for "17 years" **substitute** "16 years".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

9. Long title, after "owners," insert "to amend the **City of Melbourne Act 2001** and the **Electoral Act 2002** in relation to the minimum voting age,".