

ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025

(Amendments made by the Legislative Council)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 61—

'61A Indicative two candidate preferred distribution of preferences

(1) In section 116 of the Principal Act, for "If the" **substitute** "Subject to subsection (2), if the".

(2) At the end of section 116 of the Principal Act **insert—**

"(2) In the case of an Assembly election—

(a) the Commission must direct the election manager to proceed with the scrutiny referred to in subsection (1) for each district; and

(b) the election manager must comply with that direction within 3 months after receiving it.".'. .

2. Clause 92, page 53, lines 1 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'(d) for the definition of ***political expenditure*** **substitute—**

"*political expenditure*—

(a) means any expenditure for the dominant purpose of directing how a person should vote at an election, by promoting or opposing—

(i) the election of any candidate at the election; or

(ii) a registered political party; or

(iii) an elected member; but

(b) does not include—

(i) expenditure incurred by an associated entity or third party campaigner or any material that is published, aired or otherwise disseminated

outside of the election campaigning period,
unless the material refers to—

(A) a candidate or a registered political party;
and

(B) how a person should vote at an election; or

(ii) expenditure for which a registered political party, elected member, group or candidate is entitled to any credit, rebate, refund, reimbursement or other kind of reduction in tax liability under any law;".'

Certified –

Clerk of the Legislative Council