

THE CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACTS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the nineteenth day of April, 1955.

PRESENT:

The Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Smith | Mr. Tilley.
Mr. Gladman |

AMENDMENT OF THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS REGULATIONS.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred by The Constitution Act Amendment Acts and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby amend the Victorian Parliamentary Elections Regulations by revoking the Second Schedule to the said Regulations and substituting therefor the following:—

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Regulation 41.

RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR EXPENSES OF CONDUCTING ELECTION.

1. SUBSTITUTE RETURNING OFFICERS—

	Contested Election.	Uncontested Election.
	£	£
Metropolitan Districts—		
All Districts	100	35
Urban and Country Districts—		
Where the number of polling booths does not exceed 65	95	35
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 65, but does not exceed 80 ..	105	35
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 80, but does not exceed 100 ..	115	40
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 100 but does not exceed 120	130	40
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 120	145	45
Metropolitan Provinces—		
All Provinces	250	70
Urban and Country Provinces—		
Where the number of polling booths does not exceed 230	320	100
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 230, but does not exceed 280	360	100
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 280	400	100

If a Substitute Returning Officer acts for a contested election for a District as well as a contested election for a Province, he shall be allowed only half the fee fixed for the District in addition to the fee fixed for the Province.

Where any person or persons are required to be employed to assist a Substitute Returning Officer in his performance of the normal duties associated with the organizing and conduct of the election, such assistance shall be paid for out of the fee fixed for such Substitute Returning Officer.

Where a Substitute Returning Officer acts as a Deputy Returning Officer or a Relieving Deputy Returning Officer on polling day no payment will be allowed other than that made for acting as Substitute Returning Officer.

2. DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS—	£	s.	d.
To a Deputy Returning Officer (or Relieving Deputy)—For the Polling Day ..	5	2	6
To a Relieving Deputy Returning Officer required by a Returning Officer to take charge of the arrangements at a polling place containing more than one polling booth—			
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 1 but does not exceed 3 ..	5	15	0
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 3 but does not exceed 8 ..	6	5	0
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 8 but does not exceed 15 ..	7	0	0
Where the number of polling booths exceeds 15	8	0	0

3. POLL CLERKS—	£	s.	d.
To a Poll Clerk—For the Polling Day ..	4	5	0

4. TO OFFICERS ASSISTING THE RETURNING OFFICER IN THE FOLLOWING DUTIES, namely:—

(a) counting and distributing preference votes;

(b) conducting a recount of ballot-papers; and

(c) preparing "marked rolls" of electors who have not recorded their votes.

Substitute Returning Officers, 12s. 6d. per hour,
Deputy Returning Officers (or Relieving Deputies), 10s. per hour.
Poll Clerks, 8s. per hour.

5. TRAVELLING EXPENSES—

To a Returning Officer, a Substitute Returning Officer, a Deputy Returning Officer (or Relieving Deputy), a Poll Clerk, and to a Special Messenger—only where indispensably necessary the actual expense incurred.

In all the above cases, when the travelling can be done by railway or by road service—the actual fares only.

Provided that the cost of travelling shall not in any case exceed One shilling per mile each way, the mileage to be specified on each account.

When the distance travelled exceeds 20 miles each way, for each day that he is necessarily absent from his residence, in addition—

	£	s.	d.
To a Returning Officer	1	10	0
To a Substitute Returning Officer ..	1	5	0

Under no circumstances whatever will any charge for refreshments be allowed.

6. HIRE OR ERECTION OF BOOTHS AND THE TRANSPORT OF MATERIALS—

The actual cost as proved by vouchers.

When a poll is taken in any school-house or building not used exclusively for religious services, and which is supported wholly or in part by any public funds or by any perpetual endowment, or which has been built or is supported wholly or in part by any grant from the public revenue, the actual cost of erection of the "compartments" and the cost of cleaning only will be allowed.

In Metropolitan and Urban Provinces or Districts a quotation should be obtained before engaging a contractor to transport voting screens and ballot boxes or to erect voting screens. Further quotations from other contractors should be obtained if the original quotation is considered excessive in price or otherwise unsatisfactory.

7. STATIONERY—

The stationery required by Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks will be supplied by the Government Printer, made up in packets, each containing sufficient for one table and the voting compartments connected therewith.

Returning Officers when submitting requisitions should state the number of packets required.

All printing should, if time permits, be carried out by the Government Printer.

8. ADVERTISEMENTS—

As certified by the Government Printer.

9. ALLOWANCES FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE—

In the case of a contested election the following allowances for clerical assistance shall be paid to Returning Officers—

	£	s.	d.
For the first one hundred (100) or portion of one hundred applications for postal ballot-papers received ..	5	0	0
For each additional application for a postal ballot-paper dealt with, over and above the first hundred	0	1	0
For scrutinizing and counting (where necessary) absent votes and votes of unenrolled voters polled for the Province or District—for every one hundred of the sum of such votes and for the remaining fraction of one hundred	1	10	0
For bringing booth rolls into conformity with certified rolls—an allowance for each Province or District as fixed from time to time by the Minister.			

And the Honorable Leslie William Galvin, Her Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. MAHLSTEDT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.