

9. As soon as practicable after the expiration of *four* months from the commencement of this Act, the Registrar of each electoral district shall compile a new roll of the electors of that district for the purposes of the principal Act, from particulars supplied pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Act.

Preparation of
new rolls.

10. (1.) On the completion of the preparation of new rolls, as provided for in the *last preceding* section, the Governor-General shall, by Order in Council, declare the existing rolls to be abolished as from a date to be therein specified in that behalf (being not later than six months after the passing of this Act), and the new rolls prepared as aforesaid shall thereupon be deemed to be the several electoral rolls for the purposes of the principal Act.

Abolition of existing
rolls

(2.) The new rolls prepared as aforesaid shall be printed as required by section twenty-three of the Legislature Amendment Act, 1910 :

Provided that, in the event of a by-election being held for any district after the date when the new roll for that district has come into force, and before the same has been printed, the Minister may fix the date on which the main roll shall be closed, and shall cause the same to be printed forthwith.

PART II.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

11. Nothing in this Part of this Act shall apply with respect to a general election of members for any electoral division to which Part III of this Act applies, but this Part of this Act shall apply to by-elections for any such electoral division.

This Part not
applicable to general
elections in certain
urban districts.

12. The system of voting for one candidate only prescribed by the principal Act with respect to elections thereunder shall not apply with respect to any election (whether a general election or a by-election) to be held thereunder after the commencement of this Act, but, in lieu thereof, the system of preferential voting hereinafter prescribed shall, save so far as otherwise provided in Part III of this Act, be adopted and shall apply.

Preferential-voting
system to apply to
future elections.

13. For the purpose of giving effect to the *last preceding* section, section one hundred and thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one all words after the word "secretly," and substituting therefor the following: "mark the ballot-paper by placing the figure 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate whom he desires to be elected. He may also, if he so desires, indicate the order of his preference for as many of the other candidates as he pleases by placing in the squares opposite their respective names, other figures next in numerical order after the figure 1."

Mode of marking
ballot-paper.

14. The ballot-paper to be used at any election under this Part of this Act shall be in the form numbered (1) in the *First Schedule* hereto.

Form of ballot-
paper for
preferential voting.

Preliminary Count of the Votes.

15. (1.) Every Deputy Returning Officer at the polling-booth at which he presides shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, make up into separate parcels—

Counterfoils and
marked rolls to be
sealed up.

(a.) The certified copy of the roll supplied to him on which is noted the fact that any elector has tendered his vote; and

(b.) The counterfoils of all the ballot-papers that have been issued to voters.

(2.) The Deputy Returning Officer shall then in the presence of such of the scrutineers as choose to be present (including those appointed under section nineteen of the Licensing Act, 1908) and the poll-clerks (if any), but of no other person, open the ballot-box, and,

Number of first-
preference votes
counted.