

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Justice
Name of the proposal	Proclamation commencing provisions of the <i>Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Act 2026</i> that are not in force
Submission type	Summary Impact Analysis Statement
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Proclamation - <i>Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Act 2026</i>
Date of issue	June 2026

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	The <i>Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Act 2026</i> (the Act) received assent on 19 February 2026. Section 2(1) of the Act provides that the following provisions of the Act commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation: (a) sections 4 to 7; (b) section 23 to the extent it inserts new section 452; (c) sections 26 to 31; (d) section 42; (e) section 43 to the extent it inserts new section 239; and (f) part 4. The provisions to be commenced by the proclamation make amendments to the <i>Electoral Act 1992</i>, the <i>Referendums Act 1997</i> and <i>Local Government Electoral Act 2011</i> to: • provide that persons serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention of one year longer are not entitled to vote at State elections, referendums or local government elections (sections 6, 42, 45 and 46); • allow the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) to seek stated information from the chief executive (corrective services) and chief executive (youth justice), and require this information to be given to the ECQ, to enable the ECQ to decide the persons who are entitled to vote (sections 4, 28 and 46); • ensure that enrolment and voting arrangements cover persons serving sentences of detention on a consistent basis as persons serving sentences or imprisonment (sections 5, 7, 31, 47); • provide consistency and support the administration of the changed entitlement to vote for local government elections (sections 26, 27, 29, 30, 31); and

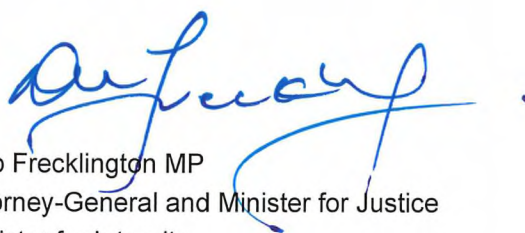
	provide for transitional provisions related to certain amendments (sections 23 to the extent it inserts new section 452, section 43 to the extent it inserts new section 239, and section 48). The proclamation will fix 1 July 2026 for the commencement of the provisions of the Act that are not in force, which relate to voting by persons serving sentences of imprisonment or detention. The proposal is machinery in nature, to make a proclamation to fix the day for the commencement of an Act and does not substantively change regulatory policy or introduce new impacts on business, government or the community. No further regulatory impact analysis is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.
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Date: 25/5/26



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Date: 2/6/26.