

CONSTITUTION OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1. **NAME:** The name of the organisation is “Electoral Reform Society of South Australia”.
2. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Society are:-
 - (i) to study the methods used for election of Parliamentary and other representative institutions;
 - (ii) to advocate and work for the adoption of the voting system known as Quota Preferential Method, embodying the principle of proportional representation by Hare’s Single Transferable Vote in Federal, State, Local and other Government elections;
 - (iii) to provide information on electoral matters in response to inquiries and to provide advice and assistance to institutions conducting or proposing to conduct elections by the Quota Preferential Method.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** The membership shall comprise persons who are in sympathy with the Objects of the Society and who are financial members. A member may resign at any time by notice in writing to the Secretary.
4. **OFFICE-BEARERS:**
 - (i) The officers of the Society shall be a President, Immediate Past President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Minute Secretary;
 - (ii) The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and shall hold office until the conclusion of the election of the Committee at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society;
 - (iii) A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled at the next General Meeting of the Society.
5. **MANAGEMENT:**
 - (i) The management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee comprising the Officers of the Society and such additional members as may be determined at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting;
 - (ii) The additional members of the Committee shall be elected by the Quota Preferential Method;
 - (iii) Fifty per cent of the Committee members present at any meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

6. **AFFILIATION:** Any Organisation having Objects which are not contrary to the Objects of the Society may affiliate with the Society and may appoint a delegate with voting power.
7. **VOTING:**
- (i) At any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, each member of the Society personally present whose subscription is not in arrears, and each delegate, shall be entitled to vote on any motion before the meeting;
 - (ii) At any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, and at any meeting of the Committee, the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman may at his discretion, exercise a casting vote, otherwise the motion may lapse.
8. **MEETINGS:**
- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th November in each year;
 - (ii) General Meetings shall be held at such intervals as the Society may from time to time decide, but shall be held at least once a quarter;
 - (iii) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee whenever it may think fit and shall be called whenever required by the written requisition of not less than ten per cent of the Society, specifying the object of the meeting required to which object alone the discussion shall be confined.
 - (iv) A meeting of the Committee may be called by the President whenever required.
9. **SUBSCRIPTION:**
- (i) The annual subscription shall be such amount as shall be decided upon at each Annual General Meeting by a majority of the members present, except that the amount of the annual subscription shall not be increased at any Annual General Meeting by more than twice the average of the annual subscriptions during the preceding five years;
 - (ii) The subscription to be paid by each organisation affiliated with the Society in accordance with Clause 6(i) shall be the same as the annual subscription;
 - (iii) The financial year of the Society shall commence on the first day of October in each year and all annual subscription shall then become due and payable;

- (iv) The membership of any member shall lapse if the annual subscription has not been paid by the first day of April following the Annual General Meeting.

10. NOTICE:

The Secretary shall give at least three clear days' notice of any meeting of the Committee and at least fourteen clear days' written notice of any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting, or Special General Meeting.

11. FINANCE:

- (i) The monies received by the Treasurer shall be paid into a bank approved by the Committee and all accounts shall be paid by cheques signed by any two of the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary;
- (ii) The Treasurer shall submit an audited financial statement at the Annual General Meeting.

12. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution may from time to time be altered by addition, deletion, or amendment by a resolution of not less than two-thirds of the members present at an Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that at least fourteen clear days' notice of such proposed alteration shall have been given in writing to each member.

13. PROPERTY:

- (i) The Committee shall have full control of the expenditure of funds and the management of the property of the Society;
- (ii) The funds of the Society shall not on any dissolution thereof become divisible among the members but may be paid pursuant to the Associations' Incorporation Act to any other body, the objects of which are the same as or similar to those of the Society or to any other incorporated association.

Adopted 24th January, 1975.