

Governor-General of Australia, signifying the desire of such legislative councils that an Assembly be established under the provisions of this act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by order in council to establish a general assembly to be called 'the General Assembly of Australia', and the members of the said General Assembly shall be elected and their seats vacated and all laws to be made and enacted by such General Assembly shall be so made and enacted, and the business thereof conducted in such manner and form and under and subject to such rules and conditions as Her Majesty by order in Council shall direct, and the said General Assembly shall consist of such Governor-General and a House of Delegates, and each House of Delegates shall consist of members to be elected by the respective legislative councils of the colonies, the legislative councils of which shall have presented such addresses as aforesaid for the establishment of a General Assembly, and after the presentation to the said Governor-General of addresses from the legislative council or councils of any of the said colonies not represented in such General Assembly signifying the desire of such legislative council or councils to be represented in such General Assembly, members of the said House of Delegates shall be elected by the legislative council or the respective legislative councils of such last mentioned colony or colonies, and the members of the said House of Delegates to be elected by the legislative councils of the colonies for the time being represented in the said General Assembly shall be elected by such respective legislative councils in the proportions following, that is to say two members for each such colony, and one additional member for each such colony for every fifteen thousand inhabitants thereof, the number of inhabitants being calculated according to the last authentic enumeration at the date of the election, and it shall be lawful for the said Governor-General for Australia from time to time to convene such General Assembly at such time and place within any of the colonies for the time being represented therein, as he may see fit, and from time to time to prorogue and dissolve the said General Assembly by proclamation or otherwise as he may see fit, and such General Assembly shall notwithstanding the dissolution of the legislative councils of the colonies represented therein continue for three years from the date of the return of the writs for the first election of any members of the House of Delegates and no longer, subject to be dissolved or prorogued by the said Governor-General as aforesaid.

31. "Provided always and be it enacted that it shall be lawful for the said General Assembly by any law or laws duly made and enacted by such Assembly to supersede or alter the rules prescribed by any such order in council as aforesaid concerning the election of members of the House of Delegates, the making and enacting of laws by such Assembly and the conduct of business of such Assembly, and to make such other provision in relation to the matter aforesaid as to such Assembly may seem meet, and to alter the number of members of such House of Delegates to be elected by the respective legislative councils represented therein, and to increase or reduce the whole number of members of such House, and generally to vary the constitution of the General Assembly, provided also that no such law shall take effect until the same has been confirmed by orders of Her Majesty in Council.

32. "And be it enacted that the said General Assembly of Australia shall have power to make and enact such laws as may be required for all or any of the purposes after mentioned, (that is to say) for selling, devising, granting licenses for the occupation of, and otherwise disposing of waste lands of the Crown in the colonies represented in such General Assembly, and for the appropriation of the money to arise from the disposition of such lands, anything in an act of the 6th year of Her Majesty intituled 'An Act for regulating the sale of waste lands belonging to the