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An Act to authorize the holding of a poll of certain owners of poultry relating to a scheme to be implemented by the Commonwealth in respect of the poultry industry for imposing levies on those owners and for other purposes.

[Assented to 30th October, 1964.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the “Poultry Industry (Commonwealth Levies) Act, 1964”.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“hen” means a female domesticated fowl the age of which is not less than six months :

“poultry industry (Commonwealth levies) scheme” means a scheme to be implemented by the Commonwealth in respect of the poultry industry for imposing levies on certain owners of poultry, particulars of which scheme are required to be set out under section 5 of this Act in each ballot paper to be used for the purpose of the poll referred to in section 3 of this Act.

Poll to be held on poultry industry (Commonwealth levies) scheme.

3. (1) The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, direct that a poll of persons, who under section 4 of this Act are qualified to vote at the poll, shall be conducted for the purpose of determining whether such persons are in favour of the poultry industry (Commonwealth levies) scheme.

(2) The Assistant Returning Officer for the State shall conduct the poll on a day to be specified in the notice in accordance with the provisions of this Act and any directions of the Minister.

(3) The Assistant Returning Officer shall, as soon as practicable after the holding of the poll, notify the Minister of the result of the poll.

4. (1) For the purposes of this Act, persons qualified to vote at the poll shall be persons who satisfy the Minister that on such date as shall be specified by the Minister in a notice published in the *Gazette* they were the owners of not less than fifty hens.

Persons
qualified to
vote at poll.

(2) Where, on the date referred to in subsection (1) of this section a person was in possession or control of any hens, the Minister may in writing declare that such person was the owner of those hens on that date and upon such declaration that person shall, for the purpose of determining his qualification to vote at the poll, be deemed to have been the owner of those hens on that date.

5. In each ballot paper used for the purpose of the poll there shall be set out particulars of the poultry industry (Commonwealth levies) scheme, a statement by the Minister relating to the scheme and such other matters as the Minister thinks fit.

Particulars of
scheme to be
set out in
ballot paper.

6. Where, in the opinion of the Assistant Returning Officer, a person qualified to vote at the poll has indicated in his ballot paper a clear intention to vote in a particular manner, that vote shall be counted for or against the question submitted at the poll in accordance with the intention so indicated, notwithstanding that such person has not voted strictly in accordance with the directions of the Minister.

Informal votes.

7. Any moneys required for any purpose of this Act shall be paid out of the general revenue of the State and this Act shall, without further or other appropriation, be sufficient authority therefor.

Appropriation
of moneys.

8. (1) The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, give such directions as he thinks fit for giving effect to this Act and, in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such directions may prescribe—

Minister may
give directions.

- (a) the manner of conducting the poll ;
- (b) the form of ballot paper to be used for the purposes of the poll ;

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- (c) the form of the question or questions to be submitted at the poll and any relevant matter to be included in the ballot paper ;
- (d) the manner in which a person qualified to vote may record his vote in the ballot paper ; and
- (e) any other matters incidental to the poll.
- (2) Any notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section or in section 3 or section 4 of this Act may be revoked or varied by a subsequent notice published in the *Gazette*.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

EDRIC BASTYAN, Governor.