

100. Polling places

- (1) The Electoral Commissioner may, by notice in the *Government Gazette*—
- (a) appoint such polling places for regions and districts as the Electoral Commissioner considers necessary;
 - [(b) deleted]*
 - (c) appoint such other polling places as he thinks fit in any institution or hospital, or both;
 - (d) declare any institution or hospital, or both, so appointed to be a special institution or hospital, or both, for the purposes of this Act;
 - (e) declare any area of the State in which he considers attendance of electors at a polling place under usual conditions is difficult by reason of remoteness, to be a remote area for the purposes of this Act;
 - (f) abolish any polling place;
 - (g) cancel or amend a declaration made under paragraph (d) or (e);
 - (h) establish sub-districts and fix the boundaries thereof, and abolish sub-districts;
 - (i) declare, and fix the boundaries of, a polling area for the purposes of section 193 in relation to each polling place appointed under paragraph (a);
 - (j) cancel a declaration under paragraph (i) or amend boundaries fixed under that paragraph.
- (2) When a sub-district is established or abolished the Electoral Commissioner may, by notification in the *Government Gazette*, give such directions as are thereby rendered necessary or expedient for the change of electors from one roll to another roll and effect shall be given forthwith to such directions in the manner prescribed by such notice.
- (3) If a polling place is appointed under subsection (1) for all regions, or all districts, for the purposes of a general election, that polling place is referred to as a **“general polling place”**.
- (3a) The Electoral Commissioner may, in relation to a general polling place, perform the functions of the Returning Officers for the regions, or districts, under the provisions listed in the Table to this subsection.

Table of provisions

section 102	section 112(3)
section 105(1)	section 115(1a)
section 106(2)	section 116
section 107(1)	section 132
section 110	section 141(4)

- (3b) References in this Act to the Returning Officer may be read as references to the Electoral Commissioner where necessary for the purposes of subsection (3a).
- (4) A polling area declared under subsection (1) (i) in relation to a polling place shall be adjacent to the entrance to the polling place and no part of the

boundaries fixed under subsection (1)(i) or (j) shall be more than 100 metres from that entrance.

[Section 100⁷ amended by No. 44 of 1911 s.29; No. 26 of 1949 s.4; No. 59 of 1959 s.9; No. 39 of 1979 s.14; No. 40 of 1987 ss.58 and 84; No. 79 of 1987 s.33; No. 58 of 1988 s.5; No. 14 of 1996 s.4; No. 36 of 2000 s.50.]