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THE SENATE

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**Electoral Amendment (Australian
Capital Territory Senate Representation)
Bill 2022**

No. , 2022

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[To be drafted]

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act is the *Electoral Amendment (Australian Capital Territory Senate Representation) Act 2022*

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Increase in numbers of Territory Senators

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

1 Subsections 40(1) and (2)

Omit the subsections, substitute:

- (1) Subject to subsection (2):
 - (a) the Australian Capital Territory shall be represented in the Senate by 4 senators for the Territory directly chosen by the people of the Territory voting as one electorate;
and
 - (b) the Northern Territory shall be represented in the Senate by 2 senators for the Territory directly chosen by the people of the Territory voting as one electorate.
- (2) Where the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory at a general election is 6 or more, that Territory shall, on and from the day of the general election, be represented in the Senate by one senator for every 2 members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in that Territory.