

State General Election Dates - Legislative Council

Year

- 1832 The first sitting of the Legislative Council was held on 7 February 1832. The first constituted Legislative Council consisted of five official members nominated by, and including, the Governor.
- 1870 Under the terms of the *Australian Colonies Government Act 1850*, twelve elected councillors, together with six nominated by the Governor, three official and three non-official, formed the Legislative Council.
- 1887 By 1887, the Legislative Council had increased to a total of twenty six members.
- 1894 The first fully elective Legislative Council was elected on 16 July 1894. Twenty-one members were elected, three from each of seven provinces, one to retire every two years. Enrolment to vote was based on a restricted property franchise.
- 1965 Commencing from 1965, conjoint State General Elections were held for the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

The following table shows the State General Election dates for the Legislative Council since 1894:

Date of Election	Total Seats	Date of Election	Total Seats
16 July 1894	21	29 April 1944	30
27 July 1896	21	4 May 1946	30
9 May 1898	24	8 May 1948	30
14 May 1900	24	6 May 1950	30
12 May 1902	30	3 May 1952	30
30 May 1904	30	8 May 1954	30
13 May 1908	30	7 April 1956	30
13 May 1910	30	10 May 1958	30
14 May 1912	30	30 April 1960	30
16 May 1914	30	12 May 1962	30
13 May 1916	30	20 February 1965	30
11 May 1918	30	23 March 1968	30
8 May 1920	30	20 February 1971	30
13 May 1922	30	30 March 1974	30
10 May 1924	30	19 February 1977	32
8 May 1926	30	23 February 1980	32
12 May 1928	30	19 February 1983	34
10 May 1930	30	8 February 1986	34
7 May 1932	30	4 February 1989	34
12 May 1934	30	6 February 1993	34
9 May 1936	30	14 December 1996	34
7 May 1938	30	10 February 2001	34
11 May 1940	30	26 February 2005	34