

Ad hoc group to study member's bill

LEGISLATORS yesterday agreed to form an *ad hoc* group to scrutinise a private member's bill which, if enacted, would result in a revision of the constituency boundaries for Hongkong's maiden direct elections to the Legislative Council.

The Electoral Provisions (Amendment) Bill 1991, was introduced into Legco by Mr Martin Lee Chu-ming last Wednesday.

Eight of the 46 non-civil service councillors volunteered to join the working group. They are: Mrs Rosanna Tam Wong Yick-ming, Mr Ronald Arculli, Dr Leong Che-hung, Mr Jimmy McGregor, Mr Peter Wong Hong-yuen, Mrs

Selina Chow Liang Shuk-ye, Mrs Elsie Tu and Mr Kingsley Sit Ho-yin.

The bill, the territory's first private member's bill on public policy, seeks to prevent gerrymandering by creating a set of legislative guidelines on how future constituencies should be drawn.

If endorsed, future constituencies will cover largely equal populations.

Meanwhile, 47 more candidates yesterday signed up for the March district board elections, boosting the total to 407.

Nominations for the 274 district board seats on offer close at 5.15 pm on Monday.