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## Thousands voted twice in cliffhanger poll

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ralians got away with voting to tell who is flouting elecrazor's edge federal poll.

Dozens may have voted voters deny it. three times or more, but only three copped a slap on AEC suspected of multiple the wrist.

AS many as 16,000 Aust- own records make it difficult to vote.

Of the 16,189 people the same name by accident. to a Senate committee its or did not understand how evidence if a person denied

It was decided 7925 were more than once in the 2010 toral laws. And it has been errors, many caused when Scott Ryan said the lack of revealed little can be done if voters with similar names prosecution sent a confuswere recorded under the ing message to the country.

votes, 5211 denied it and 80 Ed Killesteyn told the com- ID, with some seats won or The Australian Electoral per cent of the 1458 who mittee the offence was hard lost on just a few votes. Commission has admitted confessed were new voters to prove as there was no real

the offence.

Victorian Liberal senator

There have been calls for Electoral Commissioner the introduction of photo