

Election Act Summary of Changes

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Summary of amendments to the ***Election Act*** contained in Bill 14: *Justice Statutes Amendment Act*, which came into force December 11, 2025.

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- Increased minimum required number of electors required to nominate a candidate from 25 to 100. (s.59(1)).
- Added clause that no elector may sign more than one nomination paper in the same election. (s.59(1.02)).
- Added clause that no one may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce an elector to sign more than one nomination paper in the same election. (s.59(1.03)).
- Added requirement for the Chief Electoral Officer to verify signatures on a nomination paper and exclude electors who are not in the electoral division or who have signed more than one nomination paper in the same election. The nomination paper is valid only if it contains the minimum number of electors' names after removing excluded electors. (s.59.1).



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