

Referendum Act Summary of Changes

January 2026

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

When referendum binding

- Added clause that if the results of a referendum are binding, the government that initiated the referendum is not required to implement the results of the referendum if doing so would contravene sections 1 to 35.1 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. (s.4(3) and s.5.2(3)).



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