



# ELECTIONS ALBERTA

## **Event Overview:**

**Senate Election & Referendum Vote**



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Elections Alberta is as an independent, non-partisan office of the legislature responsible for the administration of provincial electoral legislation.



# Elections Alberta: Organization

## Operations

- Provincial management of election events
- Warehouse / Supplies

## Finance

- Registration of Candidates, Third Parties
- Review of Financial Reports

## Compliance and Enforcement

- Complaints re: senate & referendum
- Complaints re: Part 5.1 and 8 of LAEA

## IT and Geomatics

- IT Systems for information sharing and results reporting



Governing Legislation  
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# Senate Election: Governing Legislation

## Alberta Senate Election Act

- Bill 13: Alberta Senate Election Act
  - Came into Force: July 18, 2019
- Bill 27: Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act
  - Came into Force: July 23, 2020

## Regulations

- Senate Election and Local Authorities Election Forms Regulation
- Senate Election Grants Regulation
- Senate Nominee Regulation

## Other Linkages

- *Local Authorities Election Act*
- *Election Act*
- *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*



# Referendum Vote: Governing Legislation

## Referendum Act

- Bill 26: Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act
  - Came into Force: July 23, 2020

## Regulations

- TBD

## Other Linkages

- *Local Authorities Election Act*
- *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*



## Election Timelines

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# Timelines - Key Dates

## Senate Election

September 7\*

- Order in Council
- Writ & Proclamation

September 20

- Nomination Day
- Final Names for Ballot

October 18

- Senate Election Day

## Referendum

TBD

- Order in Council
- Questions for Ballot

October 18

- Referendum Vote



# Timelines – Results Reporting

## Senate Election

October 18

- Senate Election Day
- Count commences after close of polls

October 26

- Final day for RO to report Official Results for Municipalities

October 26

- Elections Alberta compiles results and announces results

## Referendum

October 18

- Referendum Vote
- Count commences after close of polls

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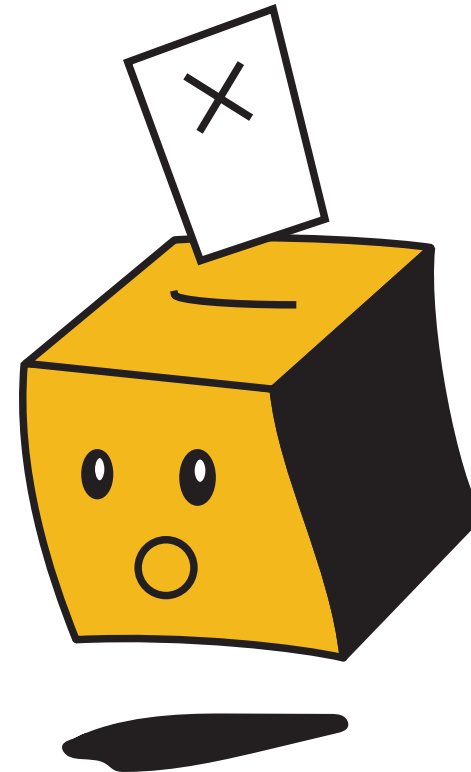
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## Working Together

*Roles and Responsibilities*



# Roles

## Elections Alberta

- Provincial management of Senate Election & Referendum\*

## Municipality

- Conducting the Senate Election & Referendum Vote

## Municipal Affairs

- Conducting the vote in some circumstances
- Payments to Local Authorities\*

\* Awaiting regulation to outline authority and payments for referendum votes



# Role of Elections Alberta

- Issue the Election Proclamation
- Provide supplies:
  - Ballots (unless municipality is using a tabulator)
  - Blind Voter Template
  - Posters: Directions for Guidance of Voters & Secrecy of the Vote
- Senate candidate management
  - Nominations
  - Withdrawals
  - Financial Reporting
- Senate third party advertisers
  - Registration
  - Financial Reporting
- Compliance
  - Investigate non-compliance with EFCDA
- Official tabulation & Announcement of Results
- Judicial Recount & Appeals



# Role of Municipalities

- Conduct the vote
  - Follow the LAEA for processes
  - Provide same voting opportunities for electors
  - Complete the count of ballots
- Share information with Elections Alberta
  - Basic information about your returning office and voting opportunities
  - Supply requirements
  - Report results
  - Refer complaints re: senate / referendum
- Retain ballot boxes for 3 months
  - Provide ballots or tabulator reports in the case of judicial recount or appeal to Elections Alberta

# Role of Municipal Affairs

- Conduct the vote for electors in
  - Improvement districts;
  - Special areas;
  - Summer villages;
  - Lloydminster; and
  - Indian reserves.
- Resolve any impossibilities with the LAEA
- Payments to local authorities







*Questions?*

