



# ELECTIONS ALBERTA

## **Voting Options:**

**Senate Election & Referendum Vote**



Advance Vote



Special Ballot



Institutional Vote



Alternative Voting Equipment





## Advance Vote





## Advance Voting: Senate Election / Referendum Vote

- Electors receive ballots for all contests
- Consider procedures that may need to be modified for the additional ballots
  - Elector Register
  - Ballot Issuing & Accounting
- Jurisdictions with Hand Count:
  - Notify Elections Alberta of advance voting days and ballot needs
  - Separate ballot boxes
- Jurisdictions with Voting Equipment:
  - Consider additional ballot printing needs
  - Composite or separate ballots
  - Shared or separate tabulator / ballot boxes





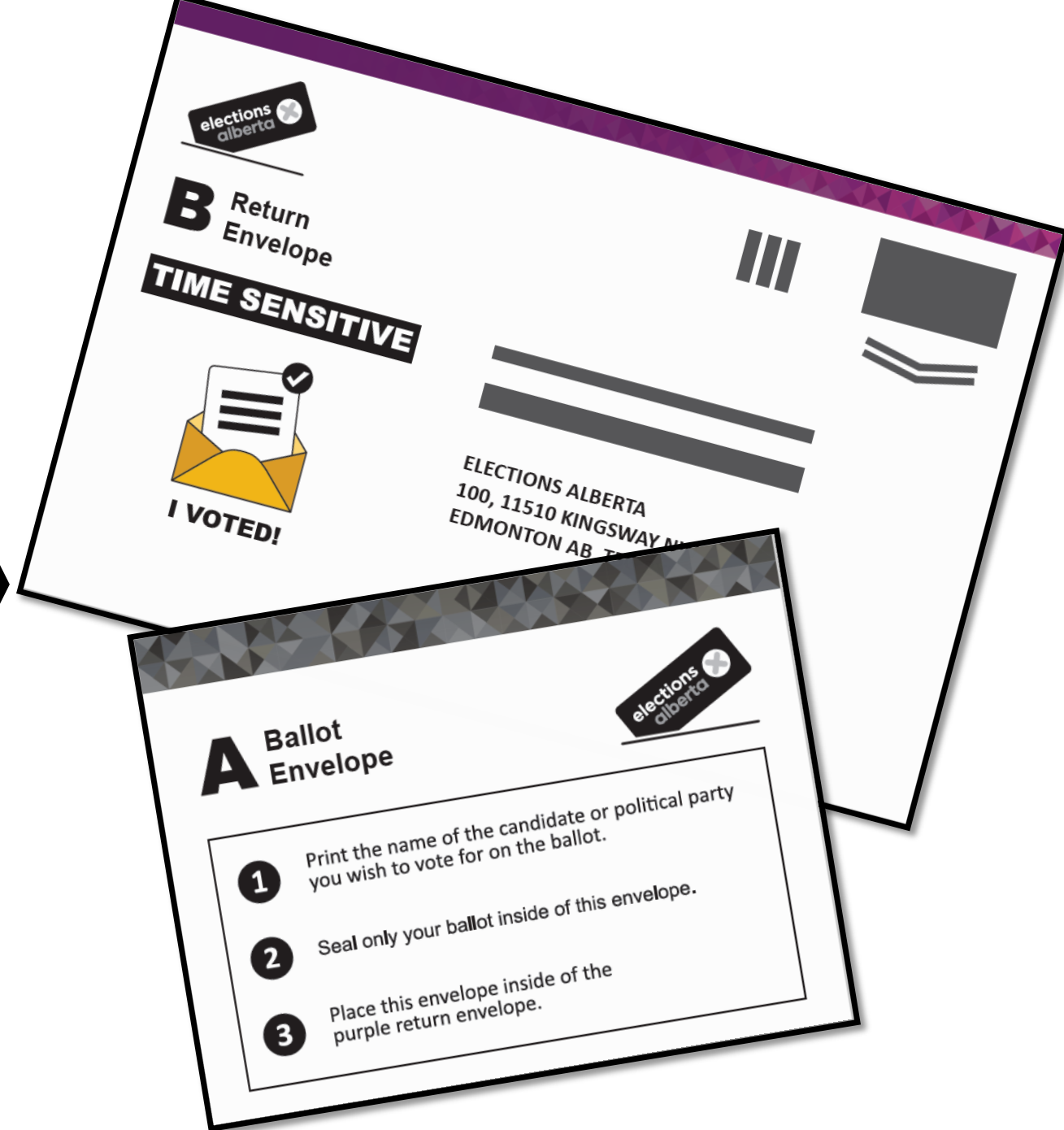


# Advance Voting & COVID - 19

- More voting opportunities or locations can allow for more time for electors to vote, and can assist with distancing
- Considerations for in-person voting:
  - PPE & Cleaning Requirements
  - Supply usage / changes
  - Staff model & available resources
  - Set-up of the Voting Place



## Special Ballot



## Special Ballot: Senate Election / Referendum Vote

- Electors receive ballots for all contests
  - Separate ballot for each
  - Write-in ballot if sent prior to ballots being printed
- Considerations
  - Timelines / Ballot type
  - Package design
  - Processing returns
  - Counting
  - Resources for managing the process







# Special Ballot & COVID - 19


- More opportunities for voters – may decrease volumes for in-person voting
- Volumes will vary widely between different jurisdictions
- Considerations:
  - Need to consider if legislated “reasons” can be used for COVID-19 concerns
  - Impact on internal staffing – capacity to keep up
  - Fulfilling requests – mail based or in-person
  - Package printing & mailing – internal or external





## Institutional Vote

**MARK ONE CIRCLE ONLY**

**Candidate** 

C.A. (CANDIDATE)  
FREETHINKERS PARTY

HUGH JEKONOMY  
BETTER BUSINESS PARTY

WILLOW PARKS  
TREE HUGGERS PARTY

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ANIMAL EQUITY PARTY

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## Institutional Vote & Senate Election / Referendum Vote

- Electors receive ballots for all contests
  - More ballot boxes – impact for bed-to-bed vs. established station
- Follows same voting process as provided at advance or election day





# Institutional Vote & COVID - 19

- More opportunities for voters
- Considerations:
  - Access to the site may be limited
  - Outbreaks will impact access
  - Site staff are a good option to become election officials
  - Special ballot voting may offer another option for these settings







## Alternative Voting Equipment



# Alternative Voting Equipment & Senate Election / Referendum Vote

- Quick and easy count
- No collection of ballots in recount
- Municipalities can:
  - Consolidate contests on the ballot(s)
  - Use the same equipment for all contests
  - Use the same ballot box for all contests
- Consider:
  - Costs for equipment and support
  - Municipality responsible for ballot printing
  - Equipment testing, logic and accuracy







## Alternative Voting Equipment & COVID - 19

- Advantages for Elections Alberta processes:
  - Creates a one-way elector flow
  - Eliminates the hand count of ballots
- Concerns to resolve:
  - Multi-use items (e.g. secrecy sleeves)
  - Costs
- Consider how you would adapt your processes and supplies



*Questions?*

