



**ELECTION: OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**GET ANSWERS TO YOUR ELECTION QUESTIONS  
A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CAST AN INFORMED VOTE**

# STEP 1: GO TO THE POLLS

ON **OCTOBER 18TH**, IN ADDITION TO HOLDING MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, ALBERTA IS HOLDING A SENATE ELECTION AND REFERENDUM VOTE ON TWO QUESTIONS.

No local election? Visit [elections.ab.ca](https://elections.ab.ca) to find out where you can cast your vote in the senate election and referendum.

# STEP 2: RESPOND 'YES' OR 'NO' TO THE QUESTION ON EQUALIZATION

THE FIRST REFERENDUM QUESTION IS ABOUT EQUALIZATION.

**Question 1 states:**

*"Should Section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982—Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments—be removed from the Constitution?"*

**You may vote "YES" or "NO"**

A "YES" vote means that you support the removal of Section 36(2) from the Constitution Act, 1982, ending the practice of equalization payments.

A "NO" vote means that you support keeping Section 36(2) in the Constitution Act, 1982, continuing the practice of equalization payments.



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## **SECTION 36(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982 STATES:**

*(2) Parliament and the government of Canada are committed to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure that provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation.*

### **What are equalization payments?**

Equalization payments make sure each province can provide a reasonably comparable level of public services to its residents. To determine which provinces receive an equalization payment, the federal government measures each province's ability to raise tax revenues and compares that ability to other provinces.

If a province's ability to raise tax revenues does not allow it to provide a reasonably comparable level of public service to other provinces, the provincial government will receive an equalization payment from the federal government.

### **What happens following the vote on this question?**

The referendum question about equalization is a constitutional question asked under the authority of Section 1 of Alberta's Referendum Act. As amending the Constitution Act, 1982 is federal jurisdiction, the result of this vote is binding only on the provincial government to pursue the action directed by the majority vote, not on the federal government to amend the Constitution Act, 1982. To remove or amend the Constitution, the federal government and the other provinces and territories would need to enter into discussions about the proposed change.

**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
REFERENDUM.**



# STEP 3: RESPOND 'YES' OR 'NO' TO THE QUESTION ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

THE SECOND REFERENDUM QUESTION IS ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

**Question 2 states:**

*Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?*

**You may vote "YES" or "NO"**

A "YES" vote means you support a permanent change to summer hours and no longer turning clocks forward in March and backward in November.

A "NO" vote means you support continuing the current practice of turning the clocks forward in March and backward in November.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Currently, Alberta changes clocks twice a year. We "spring forward" one hour on the second Sunday in March and "fall back" one hour on the first Sunday in November. This changes the time we experience sunrise and sunset.

The referendum question asks if you would like to remain on "summer hours", no longer changing our clocks in March and November. This will change the time we experience sunrise and sunset in fall and winter. Our summer hours will stay the same.

# STEP 4: SELECT UP TO **THREE** SENATE CANDIDATES

IN A SENATE ELECTION, VOTERS CHOOSE CANDIDATES FOR THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TO RECOMMEND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUTURE SENATE APPOINTMENTS.

You can choose up to three Senate candidates on your ballot. The candidates are:

ERIKA BAROOTES  
*CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA*

RICK BONNETT  
*INDEPENDENT*

PAM DAVIDSON  
*CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA*

DOUG A. HORNER  
*INDEPENDENT*

DUNCAN KINNEY  
*INDEPENDENT*

KELLY LORENCZ  
*PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA*

MYKHAILO MARTYNIOUK  
*CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA*

ANN M<sup>C</sup>CORMACK  
*PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA*

JEFF NIELSEN  
*INDEPENDENT*

KARINA PILLAY  
*INDEPENDENT*

CHAD JETT THUNDERS SAUNDERS  
*INDEPENDENT*

SUNIL SOOKRAM  
*INDEPENDENT*

NADINE R. WELLWOOD  
*PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA*

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
SENATE CANDIDATES.



# STEP 5: FIND OUT THE RESULTS



THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 26, 2021, AT 11 A.M. THE RESULTS OF THE TWO REFERENDUM QUESTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND THE THREE SENATE CANDIDATES THAT RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WILL BE DECLARED ELECTED.

Results will be available on [elections.ab.ca](https://elections.ab.ca)



## **NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

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OR CALL 1.877.422.VOTE (8683)**

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MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8 A.M. – 8 P.M.  
SATURDAY 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

