

**Module 7:
Election Day**

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Senate & Referendum Application of LAEA

- Apply the same voting process
- Slight modifications for:
 - Eligible voters in summer villages
 - Ballot Boxes
 - Form for elector register
 - Voting Instructions
 - Spoiled & Declined Ballots
 - Scrutineers



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Senate & Referendum Rules for Voting

<p>Eligibility to Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible electors in Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18+ • Canadian Citizens • Resident in the local jurisdiction • Vote in the jurisdiction they designate as their place of residence for the purpose of voting 	<p>Electors May Only Vote Once</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that have residences in multiple jurisdictions must identify one for the purpose of voting • For summer villages, only residents of the summer village may vote there
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Senate & Referendum		Rules for Ballots
Jurisdictions using regular ballots	Jurisdictions with an alternative voting equipment bylaw	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Election and Referendum ballots are provided by Elections Alberta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballots are provided by the municipality 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballot papers are coloured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate = Yellow Referendum = Grey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballots may be printed (tabulator) or digital 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two ballots are issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballot colors do not apply 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballots are folded by election officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabulator ballots will be printed on the paper required by the vendor 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballots are initialed when issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can use a composite ballot 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The jurisdiction's bylaw sets out the format of the ballot 	

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Senate & Referendum		Rules for Ballot Boxes
Jurisdictions using regular ballots	Jurisdictions with an alternative voting equipment bylaw	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ballot box for Senate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a composite ballot is used, one ballot box/tabulator may be used. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ballot box for Referendum 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballot box must use clear labelling to assist the elector in placing the ballot in the correct boxes 		

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Senate & Referendum		Rules for Ballot Boxes
Municipality in a partnership agreement with another jurisdiction		
Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballots for all jurisdictions are combined Still require 2 ballot boxes (one for senate, one for referendum) Municipality must ensure that the other jurisdiction that they are partnering with is identified in the EDB. Results must not be "double-entered" 		
Ballot Boxes at Voting Place		
		
EDB Entry		
Municipality A	Municipality B	
Identifies they are conducting the election for Municipality B	No entry	
Enters results (is a combined result for municipality A & B)	No entry	

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Rules for Ballot Boxes

Municipality in a partnership agreement with another jurisdiction

Option 2:

- Ballots for each jurisdiction are collected in their own ballot boxes
- Still require 2 ballot boxes (one for senate, one for referendum)
- Data entry for each jurisdiction is completed separately in the EDB
- Results are counted and reported for each jurisdiction

Ballot Boxes at Voting Place

EDB Entry

Municipality A	Municipality B
Completes Election Details	Complete Election Details
Enters results from Municipality A ballot boxes	Enters results from Municipality B ballot boxes

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Senate & Referendum

Issuing Ballots

Use Form 13RSE: Elector Register

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER _____ (Deputy's Initials)

VOTER NUMBER: _____

☐ Identification Shown

☐ Elector Vouched For

BALLOTS ISSUED TO ELECTOR (Check [✓])

☐ Chief Elected Official
☐ Councillors
☐ Public School Trustee
☐ Referendum Question(s)

☐ Bylaw or Question
☐ Separate School Trustee
☐ Senate Nominee

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Senate & Referendum

Issuing Ballots

Voting Instructions for Senate

- This is the ballot for senate election.
- You can vote for up to # senate candidates.
- Mark your choices with an X (or alternate based on your ballot format).

Voting Instructions for Referendum

- This is the ballot for the referendum questions.
- There are # questions in which you can vote.
- To vote, mark one circle per question to indicate your choice.
- Mark your choices with an X (or alternate based on your ballot format).

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Spoiled & Declined Ballots

Spoiled Ballots

- Electors are eligible for replacement ballots
- Follow same process as for municipal ballots
- Account for the spoiled ballots on Form 19RSE – Ballot Account and Result of Vote

Declined Ballots

- Electors may decline their ballot
- Declined ballots are deposited as blank in the ballot box
- Report on “Rejected Ballots On Which No Vote Was Cast by an Elector” on Form 19RSE – Ballot Account and Result of Vote

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Senate & Referendum

Scrutineers

Scrutineer Appointments

- Follows the process in the LAEA
- Senate candidates would use form 16RSE to appoint a scrutineer
- No scrutineers for referendum

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Senate & Referendum

Municipal Details

- Enter election details for senate / referendum
- Confirm details or make final updates
- Final deadline for supply requests

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Questions?

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