

1986 BILL 204

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PLAIN ENGLISH LAW ACT

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### **PLAIN ENGLISH LAW ACT**

*(Assented to , 1986)*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- Definition      **1** In this Act, "Review Committee" means any committee established by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of this Act.
- Review of Bills      **2** The Review Committee shall consider every Bill that has passed Second Reading in the Legislative Assembly and shall recommend any changes that it deems necessary in order that its provisions use the most direct, plain and understandable English.
- Report by Review Committee      **3** No Bill may be referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Committee of the Whole unless it has first been referred to and reported on by the Review Committee.
- Exemption      **4** Notwithstanding sections 2 and 3, the Government House Leader, or his Deputy, may, by oral notice in the Legislative Assembly given after the introduction of a Government Bill, designate the Bill as being a Bill to which this Act shall not apply.
- Expert witnesses      **5** Providing that money has been appropriated to the purpose by the Legislature, the Review Committee may retain the services of such experts as it deems necessary, including but not limited to persons who are:

- (a) representative of the general public;
- (b) experts in the English language;
- (c) experts in legal drafting.

Coming into  
force

**6** This Act comes into force on Proclamation.