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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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*(Assented to , 1989)*

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

- 1 *The Election Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 *The following part is added after Part 7:*

#### **PART 7.1 PUBLIC DEBATE**

**198.1(1)** During the period of a general election the Chief Electoral Officer shall organize a public debate between the leaders of the political parties that are represented in the Legislature at the time of dissolution, or who received 5% or more of the popular vote in the previous general election.

(2) The debate is to be held during the period not earlier than 5 days after the issue of the writ of election and not later than 5 days prior to polling day; and at a place and time determined by the Chief Electoral Officer after consultation with the leaders.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall arrange for the debate to be televised in a manner which will give the maximum possible coverage across the Province, by one or more television channels and shall also permit any television or radio broadcaster who applies to him to broadcast the debate.

## **Explanatory Notes**

**1** This Bill will amend chapter E-2 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980.

**2** Adds a new Part that provides for a public debate between party leaders organized by the Chief Electoral Officer and broadcast in the Province.

(4) The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint the moderator for the debate who shall moderate the debate without political bias and give each leader, so far as is possible, a reasonably equal opportunity to participate in the debate.

