

2006 Bill 210

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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AMENDMENT ACT, 2006**

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2006)

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

#### Amends RSA 2000 cE-1

**1** The *Election Act* is amended by this Act.

**2** Section 39 is renumbered as 39.1 and the following is added  
before section 39.1:

#### Fixed election dates

- 39(1)** Nothing in this section affects the powers of the  
Lieutenant Governor, including the power to dissolve the  
Legislature, by proclamation in Her Majesty's name, when the  
Lieutenant Governor sees fit.
- (2)** Subject to the powers of the Lieutenant Governor referred to  
in subsection (1),
- (a) a general election shall be held on November 17, 2008,  
unless a general election has been held after the day on  
which the *Election (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment  
Act, 2006* receives Royal Assent and before November  
17, 2008, because of a dissolution of the Legislature; and
  - (b) thereafter, general elections shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday in November in the 4<sup>th</sup> calendar year following  
polling day in the most recent general election.

(3) If the Chief Electoral Officer is of the opinion that a Monday that would otherwise be polling day is not suitable for that purpose because it is a day of cultural or religious significance, the Chief Electoral Officer shall choose an alternate day and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that polling day should be that alternate day, and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make an order to that effect.

(4) The alternate day shall be one of the 7 days following the Monday that would otherwise be polling day.

**3 The following sections are amended by striking out “section 39” and substituting “section 39.1”:**

section 40(1);  
section 66(1)(b).

**Amends RSA 2000 cL-9**

**4 The *Legislative Assembly Act* is amended in section 32(2) and (3) by striking out “section 39 of the *Election Act*” and substituting “section 39.1 of the *Election Act*”.**

## **Explanatory Notes**

- 1** Amends chapter E-1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- 2** Adds new section establishing fixed election dates.

**3** Consequential changes.

**4** Amends chapter L-9 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.