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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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*(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2008)*

WHEREAS young people are a significant and dynamic component of the Alberta population;

WHEREAS the perspectives, needs and requirements of the young people of Alberta need to be integrated into the decision-making process in the Government; and

WHEREAS ensuring that the voices of young people find expression in the institutions of Government may enhance the participation, involvement and interest by young people in government and politics;

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

#### **Definitions**

**1** In this Act,

- (a) "Council" means the Young Albertans' Advisory Council;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (c) "young person" means a person 25 years of age or more but under 35 years of age.

### **Council established**

**2(1)** The Young Albertans' Advisory Council is hereby established.

**(2)** The purposes of the Council are

- (a) to advise, report and make recommendations to the Government on matters relating to young people, including their opportunities for full and equal participation in the life of the Province;
- (b) to undertake research and report on matters referred to the Council by the Minister;
- (c) to consult with young people throughout Alberta on issues of interest to young people, which may include
  - (i) family and social values,
  - (ii) financial management,
  - (iii) education,
  - (iv) employment,
  - (v) recreation and sports,
  - (vi) culture and community development;
- (d) to make recommendations to the Government concerning grants;
- (e) to undertake additional activities at the request of the Minister.

**(3)** The Council shall make recommendations to the Government through the Minister.

**(4)** In carrying out its purposes, the Council may

- (a) receive and hear petitions and submissions from individuals and groups respecting their views and concerns about young people;
- (b) provide information to the public and publish reports on matters affecting young people;
- (c) access research and data on which to base studies and make recommendations on matters of concern to young people;

- (d) appoint committees consisting of members of the Council and other persons.

### **Council members**

- 3(1)** The Council shall consist of not more than 20 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for terms not exceeding 3 years.
- (2)** Every effort shall be made to ensure that the membership on the Council reflects the demographic composition of young people in Alberta.
- (3)** At least one member of the Council shall be a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the members as chair of the Council.
- (5)** A member of the Council continues to hold office after the expiry of that member's term of office until
  - (a) the member is reappointed,
  - (b) a successor is appointed, or
  - (c) a period of 3 months has elapsed,whichever occurs first.
- (6)** A member of the Council is eligible for reappointment if the reappointment does not result in more than 6 consecutive years of service by that member.
- (7)** The chair of the Council may serve as a member of the Council for more than 6 consecutive years.

### **Remuneration and Expenses**

- 4** The members of the Council and members of committees appointed under section 2(4)(d) may receive
  - (a) remuneration and
  - (b) travelling, living and other expenses incurred in the course of performing their duties under this Actas determined by the Minister.

### **Staff and Supplies**

**5** The Minister shall provide to the Council and committees appointed under section 2(4)(d) the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's supervision and any supplies that they may reasonably require to fulfill their responsibilities and conduct their affairs.

### **Meetings**

**6** The Council shall meet at least 4 times in each calendar year.

### **Bylaws**

**7(1)** The Council may make bylaws for the conduct of its business and affairs.

**(2)** The *Regulations Act* does not apply to the bylaws of the Council.

### **Annual report**

**8(1)** Before June 30 in each year the chair of the Council shall submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities undertaken by the Council during the previous fiscal year.

**(2)** The Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is sitting, and if it is not, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

### **Coming into force**

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





