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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION  
AMENDMENT ACT, 2009**

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THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

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### ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2009)

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

**Amends RSA 2000 cE-3**

**1 The *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* is amended by  
this Act.**

**2 Section 5(1) is amended by striking out “June 30, 2002” and  
substituting “July 31, 2009”.**

**3 Section 12 is amended**

**(a) in subsection (1) by striking out “In this Part,  
“population” means, subject to subsection (2),” and  
substituting “Subject to subsections (2) and (3), in this Part,  
“population” means”;**

**(b) by adding the following after subsection (2):**

**(3) The Commission may use more recent population  
information, if available, in conjunction with the information  
referred to in subsection (1) or (2).**

## Explanatory Notes

**1** Amends chapter E-3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

**2** Section 5(1) presently reads:

*5(1) A Commission is to be appointed on or before June 30, 2002.*

**3** Section 12 presently reads:

*12(1) In this Part, "population" means, subject to subsection (2), the population of Alberta as provided in the most recent decennial census of population referred to in section 19(3) of the Statistics Act (Canada), from which the population of all proposed electoral divisions is available, plus the population on Indian reserves that were not included in the census, as provided by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (Canada).*

*(2) If, in the opinion of the Commission, there is some other province-wide census that is more recent than the decennial census of population referred to in section 19(3) of the Statistics Act (Canada), from which the population of all proposed electoral divisions is available, the population of Alberta for the purposes of this Part is to be determined*

**4 Section 13 is repealed and the following is substituted:**

**Electoral divisions**

**13** The Commission shall divide Alberta into 87 proposed electoral divisions.

**5 Section 15(2)(c) is amended by striking out “4000” and substituting “8000”.**

- (a) *by that province-wide census of population, and*
- (b) *with respect to the population on Indian reserves that are not included in the census, by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (Canada).*

**4** Section 13 presently reads:

*13 The Commission is to divide Alberta into 83 proposed electoral divisions.*

**5** Section 15(2)(c) presently reads:

*(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions, if the Commission is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division, the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 50% below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:*

- (c) *there is no town in the proposed electoral division that has a population exceeding 4000 people;*





