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GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO BILL 32

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT  
DEMOCRACY IN ALBERTA

A1 Agreed to on December 12, 2017

The Bill is amended as follows:

A Section 6 is amended

- (a) in the proposed section 4.11 by adding the following after section 4.11(1):

(1.1) The Chief Electoral Officer, with respect to voting at an advance poll or special mobile poll by electors who reside in an electoral division other than in the electoral division for which the advance poll or special mobile poll is established,

- (a) may make a directive
  - (i) describing the procedures to be used for voting at the advance poll or special mobile poll, including
    - (A) providing for the form and printing of ballots for use at the advance poll or special mobile poll,
    - (B) providing for the delivery of votes to the location where they are to be counted, and
    - (C) providing for the counting of votes,
  - (ii) describing in detail how the Act will be modified for the purposes of this subsection, and
  - (iii) referring to the provisions of this Act that will not be complied with and specifying the nature and extent of non-compliance in each case,

and

(b) if a directive is made, shall

- (i) provide copies of the directive to the leader of each registered political party, to any member of the Legislative Assembly who is not a member of a registered political party and to any independent candidate, and
- (ii) publish the directive on the Chief Electoral Officer's website.

(b) in the proposed section 4.11(2) by adding "under subsection (1)" after "directive".

(c) in the proposed section 4.12(4) by adding "and related vote-counting equipment" before "that".

**B** Section 16 is amended in the proposed section 21(8) by adding "and section 52.1" after "section".

**C** The following is added after section 32:

**32.1** The following is added after section 52:

**Location of polling places on Indian reserves and Metis settlements**

**52.1(1)** In preparation for an election, the Chief Electoral Officer shall consult with the council of each Indian band and with the settlement council and settlement administrator of each Metis settlement to determine whether a suitable building located on the Indian reserve or Metis settlement may be used as a polling place for electors who are residents on the Indian reserve or Metis settlement.

(2) If the council of an Indian band or the settlement council of a Metis settlement agrees to the use of a suitable building located on the Indian reserve or Metis settlement, the Chief Electoral Officer shall use the building as a polling place.

**D** Section 34(a)(ii)(B) is struck out.

**E** Section 58 is amended

(a) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

(c) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) The polling places for advance polling shall be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the full week preceding polling day.

(b) in clause (e) in the proposed section 98(7) by adding "Wednesday," before "Thursday".

**F** Section 64 is amended by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

(c) in subsection (5)

(a) by striking out "or election clerk," wherever it occurs and substituting ", election clerk or person designated by the Chief Electoral Officer";

(b) by repealing clause (a)(v) and substituting the following:

(v) remove the sealed ballot envelope from the certificate envelope, remove the Special Ballot from the sealed ballot envelope and place the Special Ballot in a sealed ballot box marked "special ballot".

**G** Section 81(b) is struck out and the following is substituted:

(b) in subsection (1)

(i) by adding "submit the results to the Chief Electoral Officer and" after "certification.";

- (ii) in clause (a) by striking out “returning officer is” and substituting “Chief Electoral Officer and the returning officer are”.

**H** The following is added after section 142:

**Transitional**

**142.1(1)** On the date Bill 32, *An Act to Strengthen and Protect Democracy in Alberta*, receives Royal Assent, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices shall invite applications for the position of Election Commissioner and recommend to the Legislative Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable.

(2) When the work referred to in subsection (1) has been completed, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices shall report to the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

**I** Section 144(1) is amended by adding “, 142.1” after “sections 1, 114”.