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**SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED
TAPE REDUCTION STATUTES
AMENDMENT ACT, 2026**

THE MINISTER OF SERVICE ALBERTA AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 2026)

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

Conflicts of Interest Act

Amends RSA 2000 cC-23

1(1) The *Conflicts of Interest Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 1(1) Amends chapter C-23 of the Revised Statutes
of Alberta 2000.

**(2) The Schedule is amended in Part 3 by adding “Surface
Rights Board” after “Special Areas Board”.**

NOTE: (2) Updates Schedule of Disqualifying Offices.

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Consumer Protection Act

Amends RSA 2000 cC-26.3

2(1) The *Consumer Protection Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 2(1) Amends chapter C-26.3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 44 is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) A person requesting a report must provide the reporting agency with sufficient information to enable the reporting agency to determine whether it is permitted to furnish the report.

NOTE: (2) Adds requirement for furnishing reports.

(3) The following is added after section 44:

Access restrictions

44.1(1) An individual or an individual's representative may request that a reporting agency place, remove or suspend an access restriction on the individual's file.

(2) The reporting agency must take reasonable steps to verify the identity of an individual who makes a request or who is the subject of a request.

(3) The reporting agency must comply with a request if the reporting agency is satisfied that the individual's identity has been verified after it takes the reasonable steps referred to in subsection (2).

(4) If an access restriction is placed on an individual's file, the reporting agency and its officers, agents and employees must refuse to furnish reports respecting the individual in the circumstances set out in the regulations.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), if an access restriction is removed or suspended, the reporting agency and its officers, agents and

employees must resume furnishing the individual's reports in accordance with this Act.

(6) If an access restriction is suspended, subsection (5) applies only during the suspension period specified in the request.

NOTE: (3) Access restrictions.

(4) Section 51 is amended by adding the following after clause (f):

- (f.1) respecting access restrictions, including requests for access restrictions and the circumstances in which reports must not be furnished under section 44.1(4);
- (f.2) respecting the charging of fees in relation to access restrictions, including regulations authorizing or prohibiting such fees;

NOTE: (4) Adds Ministerial regulation-making authority.

(5) Section 57.1 is amended by adding the following after clause (f):

- (g) "total price", with respect to a ticket purchase, means the total of
 - (i) the price of the ticket, and
 - (ii) any fees, taxes, charges and costs paid by the ticket purchaser at the time of the ticket purchase or in relation to the ticket purchase.

NOTE: (5) Adds definition.

(6) The following is added after section 57.1:

Disclosure of information to purchaser

57.11(1) The secondary seller of a ticket or the operator of a secondary ticketing platform on which a ticket is made available for sale must give the total price of the ticket in any representations it makes to a prospective ticket purchaser with respect to the ticket or ticket purchase.

(2) The secondary seller of a ticket or the operator of a secondary ticketing platform on which a ticket is made available for sale must, in accordance with the regulations, disclose the information set out in the regulations.

Requirements re ticket prices, fees and charges

57.12 A secondary seller and the operator of a secondary ticketing platform must comply with the requirements in the regulations respecting the price of tickets and the fees, taxes, charges and costs that may be charged.

NOTE: (6) Disclosure of information to purchaser; requirements re ticket prices, fees and charges.

(7) Section 57.6 is amended by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.2) and adding the following before clause (a.2):

- (a) respecting the disclosure of information under section 57.11(2), including the information that must be disclosed and the manner and form of disclosure;
- (a.1) respecting requirements that secondary sellers and operators of secondary ticketing platforms must comply with for the purposes of section 57.12;

NOTE: (7) Adds Ministerial regulation-making authority.

(8) The following is added after section 108.3:

Part 10.2

Vehicle Defects

Interpretation

108.4(1) In this Part,

- (a) “defect”, with respect to a vehicle, means a defect
 - (i) resulting from or caused by
 - (A) the assembly or manufacture of the vehicle, or
 - (B) a warranty repair or attempted warranty repair of the vehicle,
 - (ii) in the parts or materials used in
 - (A) the assembly or manufacture of the vehicle, or
 - (B) a warranty repair or attempted warranty repair of the vehicle,
- or
- (iii) a defect described in the regulations;
- (b) “eligible defect” means a defect in a vehicle in respect of which a vehicle warranty is in effect;
- (c) “manufacturer”, with respect to a vehicle, means
 - (i) a person who assembles, produces or processes the vehicle or who causes the vehicle to be assembled, produced or processed, or
 - (ii) if the vehicle was assembled, produced or processed outside Canada by a person who does not engage in the business of assembling, producing, processing or selling the vehicle in Canada,
 - (A) a person who imports the vehicle to Canada for a purpose other than the person’s personal use or distributes the vehicle within Canada, or

(B) a person whose trademark is authorized to be used on the vehicle;

(d) “owner” means

(i) a registered owner of a vehicle, or

(ii) a lessee of a vehicle under a lease for a term of one year or more under which the lessee is

(A) entitled to the possession and use of the vehicle during the term, and

(B) responsible for maintaining the vehicle in accordance with the terms of the vehicle warranty;

(e) “vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act* but does not include a moped, motorcycle or off-highway vehicle within the meaning of that Act;

(f) “vehicle warranty” means the manufacturer’s standard warranty that applies to a vehicle when sold as new, but does not include a service contract, extended warranty or third-party warranty;

(g) “warranty repair” means the repair of an eligible defect in a vehicle in accordance with the vehicle warranty.

(2) For greater certainty, nothing in this Part affects the application of this Act to a consumer transaction respecting the supply of a vehicle or the supply of services under a vehicle warranty.

Unrepairable vehicles

108.5(1) Notwithstanding any applicable vehicle warranty, an owner may apply to the Court of King’s Bench for a declaration that a vehicle is unrepairable.

(2) The Court of King’s Bench may declare that a vehicle is unrepairable if the Court is satisfied that, during the period before the eligibility deadline,

(a) the manufacturer attempted to perform warranty repairs of one or more eligible defects, and

(b) one of the following criteria was met:

- (i) subject to subsection (3), the owner was unable to use the vehicle for more than 30 days because the vehicle was in the possession of a person attempting to perform a warranty repair during that period;
- (ii) the vehicle was subject to at least 3 unsuccessful attempts to perform a warranty repair in respect of the same eligible defect;
- (iii) the vehicle was subject to at least 12 unsuccessful attempts to perform a warranty repair in respect of multiple eligible defects;
- (iv) the vehicle met the criteria established in the regulations.

(3) The criterion in subsection (2)(b)(i) is not met if the manufacturer provided the owner with the use of a replacement vehicle at no cost to the owner during that period.

(4) The eligibility deadline is the earlier of the following:

- (a) the date 3 years after the vehicle was first purchased or leased by a person other than an automotive business authorized by the manufacturer to distribute it;
- (b) the time at which the vehicle's odometer reads 60 000 km.

(5) If the Court of King's Bench makes a declaration that a vehicle is unrepairable, the Court may

- (a) award damages for damage or loss suffered,
- (b) award punitive or exemplary damages,
- (c) make an order for repayment or compensation,
- (d) make an order respecting disposition of the vehicle,
- (e) grant any relief set out in the regulations, or
- (f) make any directions and grant any other relief the Court considers proper.

(6) In an application under this section, the Court of King's Bench may award costs in accordance with the *Alberta Rules of Court*.

(7) An application under this section must be commenced within 6 months after the eligibility deadline referred to in subsection (4).

Court of Justice

108.6(1) Subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice, an application under section 108.5(1) may be commenced under the *Court of Justice Act*.

(2) If the Court of Justice makes a declaration that a vehicle is unrepairable, the Court may

- (a) award damages for damage or loss suffered,
- (b) award punitive or exemplary damages,
- (c) make an order for repayment or compensation,
- (d) make an order respecting disposition of the vehicle, or
- (e) grant any relief set out in the regulations.

(3) In an application commenced under this section, the Court of Justice may award costs in accordance with the *Alberta Rules of Court*.

Alternative dispute resolution

108.7 A manufacturer and an owner of a vehicle that is unrepairable may enter into an alternative dispute resolution process in accordance with the regulations, if any.

Records

108.8 A manufacturer must maintain records in accordance with the requirements set out in the regulations, if any.

Regulations

108.9(1) The Minister may make regulations respecting vehicle defects, unrepairable vehicles, warranties, warranty repairs and attempts to perform warranty repairs, including regulations

- (a) respecting defects for the purposes of section 108.4(1)(a)(iii);
- (b) establishing criteria for the purposes of section 108.5(2)(b)(iv);

- (c) respecting relief that may be granted for the purposes of sections 108.5(5)(e) and 108.6(2)(e);
 - (d) respecting alternative dispute resolution processes for the purposes of section 108.7;
 - (e) respecting the records to be maintained for the purposes of section 108.8 and the period for which those records are to be maintained;
 - (f) prohibiting manufacturers from doing specified things;
 - (g) respecting the exemption of manufacturers, owners and vehicles from the application of this Part or the regulations;
 - (h) establishing classes of manufacturers, owners and vehicles;
 - (i) respecting any other matter or thing the Minister considers necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A regulation made under subsection (1) may
- (a) be general or specific in its application, or
 - (b) provide differently for
 - (i) different manufacturers, owners or vehicles, or
 - (ii) different classes of manufacturers, owners or vehicles.

NOTE: (8) Part 10.2 Vehicle Defects.

(9) The following is added after section 124.91:

Part 12.2 Right to Repair

Definitions

124.92 In this Part,

- (a) “manufacturer”, with respect to a product, means

- (i) a person who assembles, produces or processes the product or who causes the product to be assembled, produced or processed,
 - (ii) a person who obtains the product directly from a non-Canadian manufacturer and who imports the product to Canada or distributes the product within Canada, or
 - (iii) a person whose trademark is authorized by a non-Canadian manufacturer to be used on the product;
- (b) “non-Canadian manufacturer” means a person engaged in the business of assembling, producing or processing a product outside Canada and who does not sell the product in Canada other than through a third party;
 - (c) “repair item” means materials, replacement parts, software, tools, technical information, technical publications or other things prescribed by the regulations that a manufacturer uses or provides to others to diagnose, maintain or repair a product;
 - (d) “requestor” means a person who requests a repair item from a manufacturer under this Part.

Requirement to provide repair items

124.93(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (4) and the regulations, a manufacturer who receives a request for a repair item must provide the repair item to the requestor if the repair item is not publicly available or reasonably available to the requestor by other means.

(2) If a manufacturer is unable to provide a repair item, the manufacturer may provide an item that is reasonably equivalent to the requested repair item if the item is intended for and usable for the same purpose as the requested item.

(3) A manufacturer providing a repair item or reasonably equivalent item, as the case may be, must provide it in accordance with the requirements set out in the regulations, if any.

(4) A manufacturer is not required to provide a repair item if the eligibility criteria established in the regulations are not met.

Payment for repair items

124.94(1) A manufacturer may require a requestor to pay an amount determined in accordance with this section for the provision of the following repair items:

- (a) materials;
- (b) replacement parts;
- (c) tools;
- (d) other repair items prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The amount referred to in subsection (1) must

- (a) be reasonable,
- (b) include only the following fees and costs:
 - (i) a fee for providing the repair item;
 - (ii) the actual cost of shipping the repair item;
 - (iii) other actual costs incurred by the manufacturer in providing the repair item;
 - (iv) other costs prescribed by the regulations and incurred by the manufacturer,

and

- (c) be determined in accordance with any requirements set out in the regulations.

(3) Subject to the regulations, a manufacturer must not require a requestor to pay fees, costs or other charges for the provision of technical information or technical publications.

Court action

124.95(1) A requestor who has suffered damage or loss due to a manufacturer's contravention of or failure to comply with section 124.93 or 124.94 may commence an action in the Court of King's Bench against the manufacturer for relief from the damage or loss.

(2) In an action under this section, the Court of King's Bench may

- (a) award damages for damage or loss suffered,
- (b) award punitive or exemplary damages,
- (c) grant an order in the nature of an injunction restraining the manufacturer from contravening or failing to comply with this Part or the regulations,
- (d) grant any relief set out in the regulations, or
- (e) make any directions and grant any other relief the Court considers proper.

(3) In determining whether to grant any relief under this section and the nature and extent of the relief, the Court of King's Bench must consider whether the requestor made a reasonable effort to minimize any damage resulting from the manufacturer's contravention or failure to comply and to resolve the dispute with the manufacturer before commencing the action in the Court.

(4) In an action under this section, the Court of King's Bench may award costs in accordance with the *Alberta Rules of Court*.

Court of Justice

124.96 Subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice, an action under section 124.95(1) may be commenced under Part 4 of the *Court of Justice Act*.

Regulations

124.97(1) The Minister may make regulations respecting repair items and the provision of repair items, including regulations

- (a) prescribing things as repair items for the purposes of section 124.92(c);
- (b) respecting requirements applicable to manufacturers with respect to the provision of repair items or reasonably equivalent items;
- (c) respecting eligibility criteria for the purposes of section 124.93(4);
- (d) respecting amounts that manufacturers may require requestors to pay under section 124.94, including regulations

- (i) prescribing repair items and costs for the purposes of section 124.94(1)(d) and (2)(b)(iv), respectively, and
 - (ii) establishing requirements respecting the determination of amounts;
 - (e) respecting exemptions from the prohibition set out in section 124.94(3);
 - (f) respecting relief that may be granted for the purposes of section 124.95(2)(d);
 - (g) prohibiting manufacturers from doing specified things with respect to the provision of repair items;
 - (h) respecting the exemption of manufacturers, requestors, repair items or products from the application of this Part or the regulations;
 - (i) establishing classes of manufacturers, requestors, repair items or products.
- (2)** A regulation made under subsection (1) may
- (a) be general or specific in its application, or
 - (b) provide differently for
 - (i) different manufacturers, requestors, repair items or products, or
 - (ii) different classes of manufacturers, requestors, repair items or products.

NOTE: (9) Part 12.2 Right to Repair.

(10) Section 157 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out “If” and substituting “Subject to subsection (4), if”;**
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (3):**

(4) This section does not apply with respect to a contravention of or failure to comply with Part 10.2, Part 12.2 or the regulations made under those Parts.

NOTE: (10) Section 157 presently reads in part:

157(1) If, in the opinion of the Director

(11) Section 158.1 is amended

(a) **in subsection (1) by striking out “If” and substituting “Subject to subsection (6), if”;**

(b) **by adding the following after subsection (5):**

(6) This section does not apply with respect to a contravention of or failure to comply with Part 10.2, Part 12.2 or the regulations made under those Parts.

NOTE: (11) Section 158.1 presently reads in part:

158.1(1) If the Director is of the opinion that a person

(12) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (12) Coming into force.

Drainage Districts Act

Amends RSA 2000 cD-16

3(1) The *Drainage Districts Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 3(1) Amends chapter D-16 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 34 is amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Section 34 presently reads:

34(1) Where a board of trustees exercises a power under the authority of sections 30 to 33, the owner or occupant of the land in respect of which the power is exercised may apply to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal for compensation with respect to the exercise of that power.

(2) The Minister may, for the purpose of conducting proceedings before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal under subsection (1), make regulations

- (a) prescribing the provisions of the Surface Rights Act that apply in whole or in part,*
- (b) defining terms used in this Act that are not otherwise defined under this Act,*
- (c) modifying any provisions prescribed under clause (a), and*
- (d) generally governing proceedings before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.*

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act

Amends RSA 2000 cE-12

4(1) The *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 4(1) Amends chapter E-12 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 134(e)(i)(A) and (ii) are amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Section 134(e)(i)(A) and (ii) presently read:

134 In this Part,

(e) “right of entry order” means

(i) an order granting right of entry that is made

*(A) by the Land and Property Rights
Tribunal under the Surface Rights Act,*

*(ii) an order for the expropriation of land or an
interest in land required for the purposes of a
pipeline or transmission line that is made by
the Land and Property Rights Tribunal or the
Alberta Utilities Commission or a predecessor
of either of them or by a body that is
empowered to make such an order under the
Metis Settlements Act in respect of land that is
located in a settlement area;*

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Expropriation Act

Amends RSA 2000 cE-13

5(1) The *Expropriation Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 5(1) Amends chapter E-13 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1(m.1) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(m.1) “Tribunal” means

- (i) the Land and Property Rights Tribunal established under the *Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act*, or
- (ii) in the case of expropriations referred to in section 27(2), the Surface Rights Board;

NOTE: (2) Section 1(m.1) presently reads:

I In this Act,

(m.1) “Tribunal” means the Land and Property Rights Tribunal established under the Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act;

(3) Section 27 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Jurisdiction of Tribunal

27(1) Except as provided for in subsection (2) and section 29(3), the Tribunal has jurisdiction with respect to expropriations under this Act.

(2) The Surface Rights Board has jurisdiction with respect to expropriations under this Act authorized under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act* with respect to power plants or under the *Railway (Alberta) Act*.

NOTE: (3) Section 27 presently reads:

27 Except as provided for in section 29(3), the Tribunal has jurisdiction with respect to expropriations under this Act.

(4) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (4) Coming into force.

Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act

Amends RSA 2000 cG-1

6(1) The *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 6(1) Amends chapter G-1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1(1)(p)(i) is amended by striking out “and 129(1)(q), (r) to (r.3) and (s)” and substituting “, 129(1)(q), (r) to (r.3) and (s) and 129.01”.

NOTE: (2) Section 1(1)(p)(i) presently reads:

1(1) In this Act,

(p) “licensed premises”

(i) in Part 3 and sections 103(4), 105 and 129(l)(q), (r) to (r.3) and (s), means the premises described in a liquor licence,

(3) The following is added after section 129:

Ministerial regulations — pilot projects

129.01(1) The Minister may make regulations respecting projects to research, test or evaluate the sale of lottery tickets by licensees in licensed premises, including regulations

- (a) prescribing terms or conditions in respect of
 - (i) the selection of project participants,
 - (ii) location and operational requirements, and
 - (iii) any other thing related to the sale of lottery tickets by licensees in licensed premises;
- (b) establishing offences or administrative consequences for non-compliance with the project’s terms and conditions;

- (c) requiring and prescribing the collection and reporting of data in relation to the project, including from licensees participating in the project and from the Commission;
- (d) authorizing or requiring the Commission or any person or class of persons to do or use anything or perform any function not authorized or required by this Act or the regulations, or to do or use anything or perform any function in a different manner than authorized or required by this Act or the regulations;
- (e) exempting licensees or licensed premises from any provision of this Act or the regulations;
- (f) authorizing or requiring the Commission to
 - (i) select which licensees and licensed premises may participate in the project,
 - (ii) establish operational requirements for licensees and licensed premises, and
 - (iii) enforce compliance with the project's terms and conditions.

(2) The Minister may by order suspend, reinstate or terminate a project created by a regulation made under subsection (1) and set terms or conditions in respect of suspensions and reinstatements.

(3) A regulation made under subsection (1) is repealed 12 months after the regulation comes into force or on the date specified in the regulation, whichever is earlier.

(4) The repeal of a regulation under subsection (3) does not affect anything done or incurred under the authority of the regulation before the repeal of the regulation.

NOTE: (3) Ministerial regulations — pilot projects.

Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act

Amends SA 2020 cL-2.3

7(1) The *Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 7(1) Amends chapter L-2.3 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2020.

(2) Section 1(1)(d) is amended by adding “or” at the end of subclause (ii), by striking out “or” at the end of subclause (iii) and by repealing subclause (iv).

NOTE: (2) Section 1(1)(d) presently reads in part:

1(1) In this Act,

(d) “former board” means

(ii) the Municipal Government Board,

(iii) the New Home Buyer Protection Board, or

(iv) the Surface Rights Board

(3) Section 3(3)(b) is amended by striking out “any applicable regulations under”.

NOTE: (3) Section 3(3)(b) presently reads:

(3) The members shall be paid

(b) reasonable travelling and living expenses while carrying out duties as members away from home, in accordance with any applicable regulations under the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act.

(4) Section 5(a) is repealed and the following is substituted:

- (a) to hold hearings, proceedings and inquiries, hear complaints and appeals and determine disputes
 - (i) with respect to expropriations under and referred to in the *Expropriation Act*, excluding expropriations referred to in section 27(2) of that Act,
 - (ii) under Part 12 of the *Municipal Government Act*, and
 - (iii) under Part 5 of the *New Home Buyer Protection Act*,
- and

NOTE: (4) Section 5(a) presently reads:

5 The Tribunal has jurisdiction

- (a) to hold hearings, proceedings and inquiries, hear complaints and appeals and determine disputes*
 - (i) with respect to expropriations under and referred to in the Expropriation Act;*
 - (ii) under Part 12 of the Municipal Government Act;*
 - (iii) under Part 5 of the New Home Buyer Protection Act, and*
 - (iv) with respect to any matter under or referred to in the Surface Rights Act,*

and

(5) Section 6(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(2) The Tribunal has the rights, powers and immunities conferred on a commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*.

NOTE: (5) Section 6(2) presently reads:

(2) The Tribunal has all the powers of a commissioner appointed under the Public Inquiries Act.

(6) Section 9 is amended by striking out “act, matter or thing” and substituting “act or thing”.

NOTE: (6) Section 9 presently reads:

9 A person who commits or does any act, matter or thing that would, if done in or in respect of the Court, constitute a contempt of the Court is in contempt of the Tribunal, and on an application by the Tribunal, the Court may commit that person for contempt of the Tribunal, and the Court has the same power of committal in respect of contempt of the Tribunal as it has in respect of contempt of the Court.

(7) The following is added after section 22:

Transitional — Surface Rights Board re-establishment

22.1(1) Any action, appeal, application, complaint, hearing, inquiry or other proceeding in respect of which the Tribunal had jurisdiction under this Act or any other Act before sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 to 11 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026* came into force, and that was commenced and not concluded before sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 to 11 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026* came into force,

- (a) continues as if sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 to 11 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026* had not come into force, and
- (b) remains within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

(2) An appeal or judicial review of a decision or order of the Tribunal must be conducted in accordance with Part 4, regardless of whether the decision or order that is the subject of the appeal or judicial review was made before or after the coming into force of sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 to 11 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026*.

NOTE: (7) Transitional — Surface Rights Board re-establishment.

(8) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (8) Coming into force.

Oil and Gas Conservation Act

Amends RSA 2000 cO-6

8(1) The *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 8(1) Amends chapter O-6 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Sections 19(2) and 101(5) are amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Sections 19(2) and 101(5) presently read:

19(2) If an application is made under the Surface Rights Act or the Metis Settlements Act for a right of entry order in respect of land necessary for a road the location of which has been prescribed under subsection (1), the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, Land Access Panel or Existing Leases Land Access Panel shall, if it grants a right of entry order for that road, grant a right of entry to land in the same location as the location prescribed under subsection (1).

101(5) If a dispute arises as to the compensation payable pursuant to subsection (4), the compensation is to be determined by the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Pipeline Act

Amends RSA 2000 cP-15

9(1) The *Pipeline Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 9(1) Amends chapter P-15 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 28(5) is amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Section 28(5) presently reads:

(5) If a dispute arises as to the compensation payable pursuant to subsection (4), the compensation is to be determined by the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Public Lands Act

Amends RSA 2000 cP-40

10(1) The *Public Lands Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 10(1) Amends chapter P-40 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 9(b.2)(i) and (iii) are amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Section 9(b.2)(i) and (iii) presently read:

9 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(b.2) without limiting clause (b.1), providing for one or more means of settling disputes between the holder of an agricultural disposition and a person who wishes to carry out exploration on the land that is the subject of the agricultural disposition, including but not limited to

(i) authorizing the Land and Property Rights Tribunal to hear matters related to compensation and damage resulting from exploration, and to issue orders for compensation and right of entry orders,

(iii) generally, governing proceedings before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal for the purposes of subclause (i),

(3) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (3) Coming into force.

Railway (Alberta) Act

Amends RSA 2000 cR-4

11(1) The *Railway (Alberta) Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 11(1) Amends chapter R-4 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Sections 22(4) and 29(3) are amended by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Surface Rights Board”.

NOTE: (2) Sections 22(4) and 29(3) presently read:

22(4) Where the operator of the railway and the owner of the land are unable to come to an agreement with respect to the damages, the owner of the land may apply to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal for a determination as to the amount of damages payable.

29(3) Where any person exercises any power under this section, the owner of the land or other person having possession of the land may apply to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal for compensation with respect to the exercise of those powers.

(3) Section 30(x) is amended by adding “or Surface Rights Board” after “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” wherever it occurs.

NOTE: (3) Section 30(x) presently reads in part:

30 The Minister may make regulations

(x) for the purposes of conducting proceedings before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal with respect to matters under this Act,

(iv) generally governing proceedings before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal;

(4) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (4) Coming into force.

Surface Rights Act

Amends RSA 2000 cS-24

12(1) The *Surface Rights Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 12(1) Amends chapter S-24 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1 is amended

(a) by adding the following before clause (a.1):

(a) “Board” means the Surface Rights Board;

(b) in clause (l) by striking out “Tribunal” and substituting “Board”;

(c) by repealing clause (p.1).

NOTE: (2) Section 1 presently reads in part:

I In this Act,

(l) “respondent” means an owner or occupant named as a respondent in an application to or in an order of the Tribunal;

(p.1) “Tribunal” means the Land and Property Rights Tribunal established under the Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act;

(3) The following is added after section 2:

Surface Rights Board

3 The Surface Rights Board is established.

Jurisdiction

3.1 The Board has jurisdiction

- (a) to hold hearings, proceedings and inquiries, to hear applications and to determine disputes with respect to any matter under or referred to in this Act, and
- (b) with respect to any other matter in respect of which the Board has jurisdiction under this or any other Act.

Appointment of members

3.2(1) The Board shall consist of the members appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Minister shall designate one member as chair.

(3) The chair may, subject to any terms and conditions the chair considers appropriate, delegate to any other member any power, duty or function of the chair.

(4) The members shall be paid

- (a) remuneration at the rates set by the Minister, and
- (b) reasonable travelling and living expenses while carrying out duties as members away from home, in accordance with the *Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act*.

Panels and quorum

3.3(1) The chair may

- (a) select a member or convene a panel of members to deal with a particular matter or a class or group of matters, and
- (b) designate a member to chair a panel convened under clause (a).

(2) A panel must consist of an odd number of members.

(3) The member selected or panel convened under subsection (1) may perform the functions of the Board in respect of the particular matter or the class or group of matters for which the member was selected or the panel was convened, and when performing any of those functions the member or panel has all the powers and the jurisdiction of the Board.

(4) A majority of the members of a panel constitutes a quorum.

(5) If the Board or a panel of the Board conducts proceedings and one or more members of the Board or panel do not attend for any reason on any day or part of a day, the other members of the Board or panel may, if they constitute a quorum, continue the proceedings as fully and effectively as though the absent member or members were present.

(6) A decision of a majority of the members of a panel is the decision of the Board.

Directors and other staff

4 There may be appointed, in accordance with the *Public Service Act*, as many directors, case managers, inspectors, land examiners, legal counsel, officers and other staff as may be required to carry out the business of the Board.

Protection from liability

4.1 No action lies against the Board, a member, an officer, employee or other staff of the Board or a person appointed or engaged to perform a duty or exercise a power for the Board, for anything done or omitted to be done by the Board, member, officer, employee, staff or person, as the case may be, in good faith while exercising powers and performing duties under this Act.

Annual report

6(1) The Board shall, beginning in 2028, submit to the Minister in June of each year a report

- (a) showing briefly
 - (i) all applications dealt with during the previous year and how they were disposed of, and
 - (ii) all notices sent and directions to pay made under section 36,

and

- (b) respecting any other matters the Minister requests.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(a)(i),

- (a) the report must include all applications made to the Board under any enactment, and
- (b) an application is to be considered dealt with when
 - (i) the Board has made a decision or order in respect of the application,
 - (ii) the application has been withdrawn, or
 - (iii) the application has otherwise been resolved.

(3) The Minister may, by order, waive the requirement to submit a report, or a portion of a report, under subsection (1).

NOTE: (3) Surface Rights Board; jurisdiction; appointment of members; panels and quorum; directors and other staff; protection from liability; annual report.

(4) Section 8 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Board rules

8(1) The Board may make rules

- (a) governing its business meetings,
- (b) governing the procedure and practice for its proceedings,
- (c) respecting the selection of a member or the convening of a panel for the purpose of section 3.3(1),
- (d) respecting the service of applications, notices, orders or other documents,
- (e) providing for the resolution of matters before the Board through settlement meetings, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution processes, including rules governing the practice and procedure for those processes,
- (f) respecting the method of signing an order, decision, direction or notice issued or made by the Board,
- (g) respecting the inspection of real or personal property under section 24, and
- (h) respecting any other matter that the Board considers advisable.

(2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to rules made under subsection (1).

Proceedings

8.1(1) The Board shall keep records of its proceedings.

- (2) In conducting proceedings, the Board
- (a) is not bound to hold oral hearings but may instead, subject to the principles of natural justice, make decisions on the basis of written submissions,
 - (b) is not bound by the rules of evidence or any other law applicable to court proceedings and has the power to determine the admissibility, relevance and weight of any evidence in determining any matter within its jurisdiction,
 - (c) may enter on and inspect, or authorize any person to enter on and inspect, any land, building, works or other property, and
 - (d) has the rights, powers and immunities conferred on a commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*.
- (3) The Board may require any person giving evidence before it to do so under oath or affirmation and declaration.
- (4) The Board has discretion to decide
- (a) whether to record a hearing, and
 - (b) whether a hearing is public.
- (5) The Board may adjourn any hearing or proceeding from time to time for any length of time as the Board considers expedient or advisable.
- (6) The Board may extend the time within which the Board is to hear a matter before it and render a decision.
- (7) The Board may hold its sittings at any place or places in Alberta from time to time.
- (8) The Board may hold a hearing or proceeding by electronic means.
- (9) In a proceeding, the Board may adopt as its decision a settlement reached by the parties to the proceeding through an alternative dispute resolution process provided for in rules made under section 8(1)(e).

Notice to attend or produce

8.2(1) The Board may cause to be served on a person a notice to attend or a notice to attend and produce a document or thing when, in the opinion of the Board,

- (a) the attendance of the person is required, or
- (b) the production of the document or thing is required.

(2) If a person fails or refuses to comply with a notice served under subsection (1), the Board may apply to the Court of King's Bench, and the Court may

- (a) issue a warrant requiring the attendance of the person before the Board or the production by the person of a document or thing, or
- (b) commit the person for contempt.

Contempt

8.3 A person who commits or does any act or thing that would, if done in or in respect of the Court of King's Bench, constitute a contempt of the Court is in contempt of the Board, and on application by the Board, the Court may commit that person for contempt of the Board, and the Court has the same power of committal in respect of contempt of the Board as it has in respect of contempt of the Court.

Protection of witnesses

8.4 A witness may be examined under oath, or affirmation and declaration, on anything relevant to a matter that is before the Board and is not excused from answering any question on the ground that the answer might tend to

- (a) incriminate the witness,
- (b) subject the witness to punishment under this or any other Act, or
- (c) establish liability of the witness
 - (i) to a civil proceeding at the instance of the Crown or of any other person, or
 - (ii) to prosecution under any Act,

but if the answer so given tends to incriminate the witness, subject the witness to punishment or establish liability of the witness, it must not be used or received against the witness in any civil proceedings or in any other proceedings under this or any other Act, except in a prosecution for or proceedings in respect of perjury or the giving of contradictory evidence.

Powers and duties of Board

8.5 In addition to the powers conferred and duties imposed on the Board under this Act or another enactment, the Board may exercise any power and must perform any duty that the Minister assigns to it.

Signing of orders, etc.

8.6(1) Any order, decision, direction or notice issued or made by the Board may be signed on behalf of the Board by the chair or any other member of the Board, whether or not the person so signing participated in any proceedings giving rise to the order, decision, direction or notice.

(2) An order, decision, direction or notice signed by the chair or a member of the Board under subsection (1) shall be admitted in evidence as proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary,

- (a) that the order, decision, direction or notice is the act of the Board, and
- (b) that the person signing it was authorized to do so.

Technical irregularities

8.7(1) An order, decision, direction or notice issued or made by the Board is not invalid because of a defect in form, a technical irregularity or an informality.

(2) The Board may correct any error or omission in an order, decision, direction or notice issued or made by the Board.

Publication

8.8 The Board may publish its orders, decisions, directions and notices on a publicly accessible website maintained by or on behalf of the Board.

Extension of time

8.9 When a decision of the Board requires something to be done within a specified time, the Board may extend the time.

NOTE: (4) Section 8 presently reads:

8(1) The Tribunal shall keep records of its proceedings.

(2) The Tribunal may make rules

- (a) governing its business meetings,*
- (b) governing the procedure and practice for its proceedings,*
- (d) respecting the service of applications, notices, orders or other documents,*
- (e) providing for the resolution of matters before the Tribunal through settlement meetings, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution processes, including rules governing the practice and procedure for those processes,*
- (f) respecting the examination of real or personal property under section 24, and*
- (g) respecting any other matter that the Tribunal considers advisable.*

(3.1) In conducting proceedings, the Tribunal is not bound to hold oral hearings but may instead, subject to the principles of natural justice, make decisions on the basis of written submissions.

(3.2) The Tribunal may adopt as its decision in proceedings a settlement reached by the parties to the proceedings through an alternative dispute resolution process provided for in rules made under subsection (2)(e).

(5) Section 14(1)(a) is amended by striking out “examinations” and substituting “inspections”.

NOTE: (5) Updates terminology.

(6) Section 15 is amended

- (a) in subsections (1) and (2)(a) by striking out “the Tribunal” and substituting “the Board”;**
- (b) in subsection (3)**
 - (i) by striking out “the Tribunal” and substituting “the Board”;**
 - (ii) by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Board”;**
- (c) in subsection (4)**
 - (i) by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” and substituting “Board”;**
 - (ii) in clauses (a) and (b) by striking out “the Tribunal” and substituting “the Board”;**
- (d) in subsection (5) by striking out “the Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “the Board”;**
- (e) in subsection (6)**
 - (i) by striking out “the Tribunal” and substituting “the Board”;**
 - (ii) by striking out “Land and Property Rights Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “Board”.**

NOTE: (6) Updates terminology.

(7) Section 24 is amended

- (a) by striking out “Tribunal” and substituting “Board”;**
- (b) by striking out “examination” and substituting “inspection”.**

NOTE: (7) Updates terminology.

(8) Section 37 is amended

(a) in subsection (1)

- (i) by striking out “Every Registrar” and substituting “The Registrar”;**
- (ii) by striking out “Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “Board”;**

(b) in subsection (2) by striking out “Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “Board”.

NOTE: (8) Updates terminology.

(9) Section 41 is amended by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.1) and adding the following before clause (a.1):

- (a) assigning powers and duties to the Board for the purposes of section 8.5;

NOTE: (9) Adds Ministerial regulation-making authority.

(10) The following is added after section 41:

Transitional

42(1) In this section, “Tribunal” means the Land and Property Rights Tribunal established under the *Land and Property Rights Tribunal Act*.

(2) Any action, appeal, application, complaint, hearing, inquiry or other proceeding under this Act commenced and not concluded before section 12 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026* comes into force

- (a) continues under this Act as it read immediately before the coming into force of section 12 of the *Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026*, and
- (b) remains within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

NOTE: (10) Transitional.

(11) The following provisions are amended by striking out “Tribunal” wherever it occurs and substituting “Board”:

section 12(1), (3) and (4);
section 13(1);
section 13.1(1) and (2);
section 13.2(1);
section 16(2);
section 17(1) and (2);
section 18(2), (3) and (4);
section 19(1)(b);
section 20(1);
section 22(1) and (2);
section 23;
section 25;
section 26(2), (3)(b), (4), (5)(b), (7)(a) and (c)(i) and (10);
section 27(7)(b), (8), (9.1), (11), (13) and (15)(b) and (c);
section 28;
section 29;
section 30(1), (2) and (3);
section 31;
section 32;
section 34;
section 35;
section 35.1(2), (3) and (4);
section 36(3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8);
section 39(1), (5) and (6).

NOTE: (11) Updates terminology.

(12) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (12) Coming into force.

RECORD OF DEBATE

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