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Committee mandate: The Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee has been appointed to review the Election Act, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, the Conflicts of Interest Act, and the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act. This is an all-party committee consisting of 17 Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. The committee must report to the Assembly one year after commencing its review.

After receiving second reading, Bill 203, Election (Restrictions on Government Advertising) Amendment Act, 2015, was referred to the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee on November 16, 2015.

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AL	Alberta Liberal Party
AP	Alberta Party
Ind.	Independent (no party affiliation)
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W	Wildrose Party

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