

GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO BILL 54

ELECTION STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2025

Amendment A6 agreed to May 14, 2025

The Bill is amended as follows:

A Section 6(51) is amended by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

- (a) **by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following:**

Time limit

153.2(1) A letter of reprimand or a notice of administrative penalty may not be served more than

- (a) one year after the date on which the Election Commissioner received a complaint in accordance with section 153.09(1)(a), or
- (b) 2 years after the date on which the Election Commissioner knew or ought to have known of a matter that permits the Election Commissioner to conduct an investigation under section 153.09(1)(b) or (c).

whichever is earlier.

(1.1) If the Election Commissioner receives more than one complaint respecting substantially the same subject-matter, the date referred to in subsection (1)(a) must be calculated with respect to the first of those complaints received by the Election Commissioner.

B Section 7(82) is struck out and the following is substituted:

(82) Section 51.02(1) is repealed and the following is substituted:

Time limit

51.02(1) A letter of reprimand or a notice of administrative penalty may not be served more than

- (a) one year after the date on which the Election Commissioner received a complaint in accordance with section 44.95(b)(i), or
- (b) 2 years after the date on which the Election Commissioner knew or ought to have known of a matter that permits the Election Commissioner to conduct an investigation under section 44.95(b)(ii) or (iii).

whichever is earlier.

(1.1) If the Election Commissioner receives more than one complaint respecting substantially the same subject-matter, the date referred to in subsection (1)(a) must be calculated with respect to the first of those complaints received by the Election Commissioner.

C Section 11 is amended

- (a) by striking out subsection (5) and substituting the following:

(5) Section 5 is amended

- (a) by striking out “or 2”;
- (b) in clause (b) by adding “as a stand-alone referendum” after “separately”.

- (b) by striking out subsection (7);

- (c) by striking out subsection (8) and substituting the following:

(8) Section 6(1) is amended by adding “as a stand-alone referendum” after “separately”.

- (d) in subsection (11)

- (i) by striking out the section header preceding the proposed section 8.11 and substituting the following:

Considerations respecting aboriginal peoples

- (ii) in the proposed section 8.11 by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) Nothing in a referendum held under this Act is to be construed as abrogating or derogating from the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada that are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

- (e) by striking out subsection (14) and substituting the following:

(14) Section 10(a) is amended

- (a) by adding “, the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*” after “the *Election Act*”;
- (b) by striking out “the requirements of”.