



Information Bulletin from the Returning Officer Potential Changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act*

On November 5, 2018 the Legislative Assembly of Alberta gave first reading to *Bill 23 - An Act to Renew Local Government in Alberta*. This draft legislation contains many changes that will impact local elections, most notably in regard to campaign financing. Included are changes to how campaign funds can be raised by a candidate, when the funds can be raised, and from whom the funds can be raised.

Once passed, the campaign financing requirements in the legislation will be applied from the date the Act received first reading. This means that any funds raised by a candidate beginning November 5, 2018, will fall under the new legislation. We do not know when, or if, Bill 23 will receive royal assent and become law. However, **it is important that all individuals who have filed a Notice of Intent for the 2021 municipal general election, or are considering running in the 2021 general election, are aware of the potential changes and plan accordingly.** Please review the [draft legislation](#) and the overview.

The Office of the City Clerk, Edmonton Elections Office, is available to answer any questions that we can. Municipal Affairs is also available to answer specific questions on the proposed legislative changes and the potential impacts on campaigns in local elections (780-427-2225).

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