

DEFEATED

**Bill #83  
Elections Act (amended)**

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

**PAGE 4** - add the following Clause immediately after Clause 11:

**12 Chapter 5 is further amended by adding immediately after Section 29 the following Section:**

29A (1) Nothing in this Section affects the powers of the Lieutenant Governor, including the power to dissolve the House of Assembly at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), and the powers of the Lieutenant Governor referred to in subsection (1), notwithstanding any other enactment, each general election must be held on a Tuesday between March 1st and June 30th, inclusive, as determined by the regulations, in the fourth calendar year following ordinary polling day for the most recent general election.

(3) Where the Chief Electoral Officer is of the opinion that a Tuesday that would otherwise be ordinary polling day is not suitable for that purpose, including by reason of it being in conflict with a day of cultural or religious significance or a federal or municipal election, the Chief Electoral Officer shall choose another day in accordance with subsection (4) and recommend to the Governor in Council that ordinary polling day be that other day, and the Governor in Council may make an order to that effect.

(4) For the purpose of subsection (3), the Chief Electoral Officer may choose as an alternative ordinary polling day one of the seven days following the Tuesday that would otherwise be ordinary polling day.

(5) In the case of a general election under subsection (2), an order must not be made under subsection (3) within seventy days preceding the Tuesday that would otherwise be ordinary polling day.

**PAGES 4 to 27, Clauses 12 to 100** - renumber as 13 to 101

**PAGE 27** - add the following Clause immediately after Clause 100 (renumbered as 101):

**102 Subsection 361(1) of Chapter 5 is amended by relettering clause (a) as (aa) and adding immediately before that clause the following clause:**

(a) determining, for the purpose of subsection 29A(2), the day of the year on which a general election must be held

**PAGE 27, Clauses 100 to 104** - renumber as 103 to 105