

Bill #225
Elections Act (amended)

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

PAGE 2 - add the following Clause immediately after Clause 3:

4 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 Lieutenant Governor's discretion.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), and the powers of the Lieutenant Governor referred to in subsection (1), notwithstanding any other enactment, a general election must be held on the second Tuesday of June 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 be ordinary polling day.

(5) In the case of a general election under subsection (2), an order must not be made under subsection (3) after April 1st in the year in which the general election is to be held.

PAGES 2 to 20, Clauses 4 to 67 - renumber as 5 to 68.