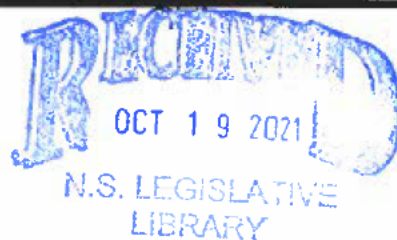


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Regarding: Bill No. 1 – Elections Act (amended)

Dear Members of the Law Amendments Committee,

My name is Cecelia Callaghan. I am a 16 year old student at [REDACTED]. I am writing about my concerns for the proposed fixed election date in mid-July. This would mean that our Student Vote will not go ahead in the future. The Student Vote has been an opportunity for me to expand my knowledge of the political parties and candidates. It's given me a chance in school to do my own research and to form my own political opinions.

This was something in school that allowed me to investigate real-world issues based on my interests while connecting it to something happening in current events. Student Vote helped me develop tools that I plan to use in the future when I will finally be able to vote in elections. Voting for the first time can seem like a daunting task for me and my peers. I believe we need to encourage and support all young people to get more involved in Canadian politics so that voting in the future will not be scary, it will be something to look forward to. Student Vote does exactly this, and I believe it would truly be a huge loss for students to take this away.

Please reconsider changing the proposed fixed date to a time during the school year.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cecelia