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Good Day Ms. Adams and members of the Law Amendments Committee, I write this email out of concern for the proposed Bill 1 your government is pushing forward, with the intent of making the third Tuesday, in the month of July, Nova Scotia's fixed election date. While the need for fixed election dates is very much needed, I believe you know as much as many others, this is not going to work out well for many reasons.

Having just come out of a summer election, we know all candidates struggled to get volunteers. You yourself commented to me in passing how foolish it was of the Liberals to call a summer election while we stood on Horne's Rd near your home, while we spoke about the lack of volunteers we had!

As an educator I am very concerned what this means for my students. To fully engage our students in the student vote program, there are weeks of teaching that happens. However in the month of June the focus in jr high, becomes getting our grade nines ready for their exams and the transition to high school. For high school students it's about graduation and those final exams in the month of June. With an election date that would happen between July 15-21st each year, the 30 day writ period would begin during exams and graduation. There would no longer be a student vote as the student vote program, has voting happen as close to the election date as possible. This will not help in encouraging these future voters to become active in the process.

Finally, we both know that summer elections lead to continuous low voter turnouts. The last thing voters will be interested in, is spending time on hot summer days exercising their civic responsibility. Youth voters are working as many hours as they can. Those with the economic means are taking vacations. And those who are barely surviving, feel so disenfranchised, they don't care!

As a former candidate you campaigned against, an educator, and an elector/constituent in the riding of Eastern Passage, I am imploring you and your government to NOT use July as the month for fixed elections in Nova Scotia!

With regards,  
Tammy Jakeman