

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Election Act

Under the authority of section 283 of the *Election Act*, after consultation with the Election Advisory Committee under that Act, the Chief Electoral Officer orders that the following regulations are amended as set out in the attached Schedule:

- (a) Election Financing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 170/2020;
- (b) Leadership Contestant Financing Reports Regulation, B.C. Reg. 24/2020;
- (c) Nomination Contest Regulation, B.C. Reg. 25/2020;
- (d) Political Party and Constituency Association Financial Reports Regulation, B.C. Reg. 26/2020;
- (e) Voting Options Regulation, B.C. Reg. 69/2022.

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Date

May 15, 2024

Chief Electoral Officer



(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Election Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106, s. 283

Other:

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SCHEDULE

Election Financing Regulation

1 Section 3 of the Election Financing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 170/2020, is amended

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

- (b) the following classes of campaign period election advertising:
 - (i) commercial canvassing in person or by telephone or other means of electronic communication;
 - (ii) printed newspapers and periodicals;
 - (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
 - (iv) radio and podcasts;
 - (v) new signs;
 - (vi) reused signs;
 - (vii) social media;
 - (viii) television and video;
 - (ix) online other than social media;
 - (x) other forms of advertising; ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) banking and payment processing fees; ,

(c) in paragraph (d) by striking out “and meetings” and substituting “, meetings and social functions other than fundraising functions”,

(d) by repealing paragraph (h),

(e) by repealing paragraph (m) and substituting the following:

- (m) office supplies, including furniture, equipment and stationery; , **and**

(f) by repealing paragraphs (t) and (u).

2 Section 5 is amended

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

- (b) the following classes of campaign period election advertising:
 - (i) canvassing in person or by telephone or other means of electronic communication;
 - (ii) printed newspapers and periodicals;
 - (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
 - (iv) radio and podcasts;
 - (v) new signs;

- (vi) reused signs;
- (vii) social media;
- (viii) television and video;
- (ix) online other than social media;
- (x) other forms of advertising; ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) banking and payment processing fees; ,

(c) in paragraph (d) by striking out “and meetings” and substituting “, meetings and social functions other than fundraising functions”;

(d) by repealing paragraph (g),

(e) by repealing paragraph (k) and substituting the following:

- (k) office supplies, including furniture, equipment and stationery; , **and**

(f) by repealing paragraphs (p) and (q).

3 Section 7 (2) is amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- (f) the cost of personal protective equipment or products, including face masks, hand sanitizer, surface disinfectant and air purifiers, so long as the equipment or products are not labelled with a partisan message or image;
- (g) the cost of implementing a recommendation respecting a communicable disease made by a medical health officer or the provincial health officer under the *Public Health Act*;
- (h) the following expenses incurred solely for the purpose of removing barriers for persons with disabilities:
 - (i) the cost of improving physical accessibility;
 - (ii) the cost of implementing assistive technologies or services used for communication;
- (i) the cost of restoring vandalised property.

Leadership Contestant Financing Reports Regulation

1 Section 3 of the Leadership Contestant Financing Reports Regulation, B.C. Reg. 24/2020, is amended

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

- (b) the following classes of advertising:
 - (i) commercial canvassing in person or by telephone or other means of electronic communication;
 - (ii) printed newspapers and periodicals;
 - (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
 - (iv) radio and podcasts;

- (v) new signs;
- (vi) reused signs;
- (vii) social media;
- (viii) television and video;
- (ix) online other than social media;
- (x) other forms of advertising; ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) banking and payment processing fees; ,

(c) in paragraph (d) by striking out “and meetings” and substituting “, meetings and social functions other than fundraising functions”;

(d) by repealing paragraph (g),

(e) by repealing paragraph (k) and substituting the following:

- (k) office supplies, including furniture, equipment and stationery; , **and**

(f) by repealing paragraphs (r) and (s).

Nomination Contest Regulation

1 Section 4 of the Nomination Contest Regulation, B.C. Reg. 25/2020, is amended

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

(b) the following classes of advertising:

- (i) commercial canvassing in person or by telephone or other means of electronic communication;
- (ii) printed newspapers and periodicals;
- (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
- (iv) radio and podcasts;
- (v) new signs;
- (vi) reused signs;
- (vii) social media;
- (viii) television and video;
- (ix) online other than social media;
- (x) other forms of advertising; ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) banking and payment processing fees; ,

(c) in paragraph (d) by striking out “and meetings” and substituting “, meetings and social functions other than fundraising functions”;

(d) by repealing paragraph (g),

(e) by repealing paragraph (l) and substituting the following:

(l) office supplies, including furniture, equipment and stationery; , *and*

(f) by repealing paragraphs (u) and (v).

Political Party and Constituency Association Financial Reports Regulation

1 Section 5 of the Political Party and Constituency Association Financial Reports Regulation, B.C. Reg. 26/2020, is amended

(a) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

(b) the following classes of advertising:

- (i) commercial canvassing in person or by telephone or other means of electronic communication;
- (ii) printed newspapers and periodicals;
- (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
- (iv) radio and podcasts;
- (v) signs;
- (vi) social media;
- (vii) television and video;
- (viii) online other than social media;
- (ix) other forms of advertising; ,

(b) by repealing paragraph (e) and substituting the following:

(e) banking and payment processing fees; ,

(c) in paragraph (f) by striking out “and meetings” and substituting “, meetings and social functions other than fundraising functions”;

(d) by repealing paragraph (i),

(e) by repealing paragraph (l) and substituting the following:

(l) office supplies, including furniture, equipment and stationery; , *and*

(f) by repealing paragraphs (q) and (r).

Voting Options Regulation

1 The Voting Options Regulation, B.C. Reg. 69/2022, is amended by adding the following section:

Verification requirements for registering or updating registration using mail-in voting package

- 7 (1) For the purposes of section 106 (1) (e) of the Act, if, in voting using a mail-in voting package, an individual is registering as a voter in conjunction with voting or is updating voter registration information, the individual must fulfill one of the following verification requirements:
- (a) the individual must place in the outer envelope of the mail-in voting package a copy of
 - (i) one document referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (i) or (ii) of the Act,
 - (ii) at least 2 documents referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (iii) of the Act, or
 - (iii) each applicable solemn declaration referred to in section 41.1 (3) of the Act;
 - (b) the individual must upload to an Elections BC authorized internet site
 - (i) an electronic copy of
 - (A) one document referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (i) or (ii) of the Act,
 - (B) at least 2 documents referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (iii) of the Act, or
 - (C) each applicable solemn declaration referred to in section 41.1 (3) of the Act, and
 - (ii) all of the following information:
 - (A) the bar code number on the individual's mail-in voting package;
 - (B) the individual's surname;
 - (C) the individual's year of birth.
- (2) If an individual is unable to fulfill a verification requirement described in subsection (1), the individual must send to Elections BC by a means of electronic communication specified by a voter registration official
- (a) an electronic copy of
 - (i) one document referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (i) or (ii) of the Act,
 - (ii) at least 2 documents referred to in section 41 (3) (a) (iii) of the Act, or
 - (iii) each applicable solemn declaration referred to in section 41.1 (3) of the Act, and
 - (b) all of the following information:
 - (i) the bar code number on the individual's mail-in voting package;
 - (ii) the individual's surname;
 - (iii) the individual's year of birth.