



WHAT'S NEW!

Due to recent changes to the *Canada Elections Act* providing for fixed-date elections, the following Compendium articles have been updated:

- Parliamentary Cycle [General Article];
- Dissolution of Parliament [Parliamentary Cycle];
- House of Commons of Canada [Parliamentary Framework];

Please note that the following articles relating to Parliamentary Privilege have also been updated:

- Parliamentary Privilege [General Article];
- Application of Parliamentary Privilege to Individual Members of the House of Commons [Parliamentary Privilege];
- Application of Parliamentary Privilege to the House of Commons as a Whole [Parliamentary Privilege];
- Origins and Definitions of Parliamentary Privilege [Parliamentary Privilege];
- Limitations of Privilege [Parliamentary Privilege];

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The Compendium replaces the Précis of Procedure and the Fact Sheets on Procedure with a single on-line source of up-to-date procedural information.

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