

ELECTIONS BC

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District Electoral Offices Open to the Public

Victoria – On April 6 District Electoral Officers opened 85 district electoral offices in preparation for the May 17, 2005 provincial general election and referendum on electoral reform. District Electoral Officers are responsible for administering the election in their electoral district. District office locations are listed on Elections BC's website at www.elections.bc.ca/elections/ge2005/deo.htm.

To ensure Elections BC has a high quality voters list for the May 2005 provincial election, a province-wide registration drive has been underway since February 17, 2005. During the final phase of this registration drive, enumeration will occur at 125 shelters and social service agencies and 469 long-term care facilities across the province. District Electoral Officers will be sending enumerators to these facilities from April 11 to April 22.

Elections BC encourages voters to register, update or confirm their voter registration information before the close of registration on April 26. Voters who have moved since they last voted should ensure they are listed at their current address. Registration opportunities available include:

- Use online voter registration at www.elections.bc.ca;
- Visit a local district electoral office. District electoral offices are open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (local time);
- Visit a Service BC – Government Agent office where over-the-counter voter registration is available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Government Agent office locations are available at www.governmentagents.gov.bc.ca/directory.htm.
- Call Elections BC toll-free at 1-800-661-8683. Operators are available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eligible voters who are not registered by the April 26 closing date can still register in conjunction with any voting opportunity. However, they will require two pieces of ID and may encounter registration line-ups at the voting place.

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