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Recommendations for Legislative Change

Victoria – Chief Electoral Officer Harry Neufeld today submitted a report to the Legislative Assembly containing more than 60 specific recommendations for amendments to the *Election Act*. Under section 13(1)(d) of the *Election Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer may make recommendations regarding amendments to the *Election Act* or other enactments affecting election matters.

The purpose of the report is to identify and examine issues that have arisen in election administration and provide recommendations for legislative amendments that, if implemented, provide effective solutions. The report's recommendations are balanced to serve the interests of voters, candidates, registered political parties and election administrators, and are intended to enhance electoral democracy in British Columbia. As required by section 16(2)(c) of the *Election Act*, the Election Advisory Committee has been consulted regarding these recommendations, and endorses their adoption.

The Chief Electoral Officer does not have the authority to change legislation. Therefore, legislators must now review the report and determine whether changes will be made in the form of amendments to the *Election Act*.

The Chief Electoral Officer's report on Recommendations for Legislative Change may be accessed at www.elections.bc.ca/elections/elections-results.htm.

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