

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS *LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT*

The campaign surplus provisions under section 147.5 in the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* will come into force on December 1, 2015. This section requires a candidate to turn over surplus campaign funds to the municipality to be held in trust until the next election.

Municipalities have requested confirmation about whether this requirement will apply to campaign surpluses that resulted from elections before December 1, 2015.

In response, Ministerial Order No. MSL:142:15 clarifies that the requirement for a candidate to pay a surplus to a municipality does not apply to campaign surpluses held by a candidate as a result of an election or by-election held before December 1, 2015. Candidates who ran in elections prior to December 1, 2015 will continue to hold surplus funds in their own campaign bank account until the next election.

A copy of the Ministerial Order No. MSL:142/15 is attached.

For further information regarding this bulletin, please contact the Municipal Services and Legislation Division of Alberta Municipal Affairs. For toll free access, call 310-0000, then 780-427-2225.

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Office of the Minister

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSL:142/15

I, Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 6(2) of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, make the following order:

For the purposes of applying Section 147.92 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, I direct that Section 147.5(1) does not apply to a surplus from an election or by-election held before December 1, 2015.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 26 day of October, 2015.

Danielle Larivee
Minister of Municipal Affairs