

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

There were two items I committed to providing additional information to you on:

- a) Process and associated forms for Candidates to make representations to a Returning Officer to have the name of a person removed from the Register of Territorial Electors, and,
- b) The length of nomination periods in other Canadian Jurisdictions

With respect to item 'a', there is currently no form for a candidate, or any person, to complete to make representations to a Returning Officer (RO) to have names struck from or added to the list of electors as provided for section 68 and 69 of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*. They would simply meet with the RO and make their representation. The primary reason that no hardcopy form exists, I would suggest, is that the *Act* uses consistent language in 'hearing' and application which suggests a personal representation is required.

However there is a process which tracks changes and revisions of the list of electors. This used to be recorded on a form but is now tracked in our Elections Management System, essentially intranet, known as TERN (Territorial Elections Resource Network).

RO's use form 1300 – 'Decision Not to Add or Amend Elector Information' to advise an applicant that has made representation to have a name added to the list that it will not be included. Additionally there is a form which serves as a public notice to be posted signalling the opening and period of time for revisions to the list. Again the revision period is a set 10 day period during the writ/campaign period.

There is also an additional form that is posted in public, Form 1205 – 'Notice of Revision – Electors Struck from List of Electors' to inform on which names have been removed during the revision period.

On-line registration is also closed at the end of the revision period.

On item 'b' here is what our research has turned up with respect to your request for information for **Lengths of Nominations Periods in other Canadian Jurisdictions:**

BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NU
7 days	10 days	10-17 days	7-14 days for fixed; 17-24 days for other	7 days for fixed; 14 days for other	15-17 days	7-12 days	11-16 days	7-14 days	11-20 days	10 days	4 days

Additional info: Many Acts use "no less than/no more than" wording for the nomination period, the election period, and the time allowed for posting proclamations following the issuance of the writs. Some jurisdictions start nominations upon writs, other upon proclamations following the writs. Two Acts provide a longer timeframe for "other elections" e.g. by-elections

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