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Municipal Election Resources Now Available

Alberta Municipal Affairs and Elections Alberta have developed a variety of resources in advance of next year's municipal election and possible senate election process

In advance of next year's municipal elections (scheduled for October 18, 2021), both Alberta Municipal Affairs and Elections Alberta have developed resources to help prepare municipalities for accommodating the nomination and election process under the updated *Local Authority Elections Act* (LAEA), as well as a possible senate election vote that is likely to be held in conjunction with municipal elections.

LAEA Resources

Alberta Municipal Affairs has published [six implementation fact sheets](#) on several components of the municipal election process that have been amended through legislative changes earlier this year. Topics covered include:

- ◆ Accountability and transparency amendments
- ◆ Campaign finance and contribution disclosure amendments
- ◆ General clarifying and technical amendments
- ◆ Third party advertising amendments
- ◆ Voter accessibility amendments
- ◆ Frequently asked questions

Senate Election Resources

A senate election is likely to be held in conjunction with next year's municipal elections. The *Alberta Senate Election Act* allows the Government of Alberta to hold a senate election in conjunction with local authority elections. Hosting a senate election in conjunction with a municipal election will place increased requirements on municipalities. To assist municipalities in understanding their responsibilities and preparing for a senate election, Elections Alberta has provided an [information document for municipalities](#), which outlines the senate nomination and election process, as well as the role of Elections Alberta, Alberta Municipal Affairs, and individual municipalities. Elections Alberta has also [provided a PowerPoint with similar information](#).

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