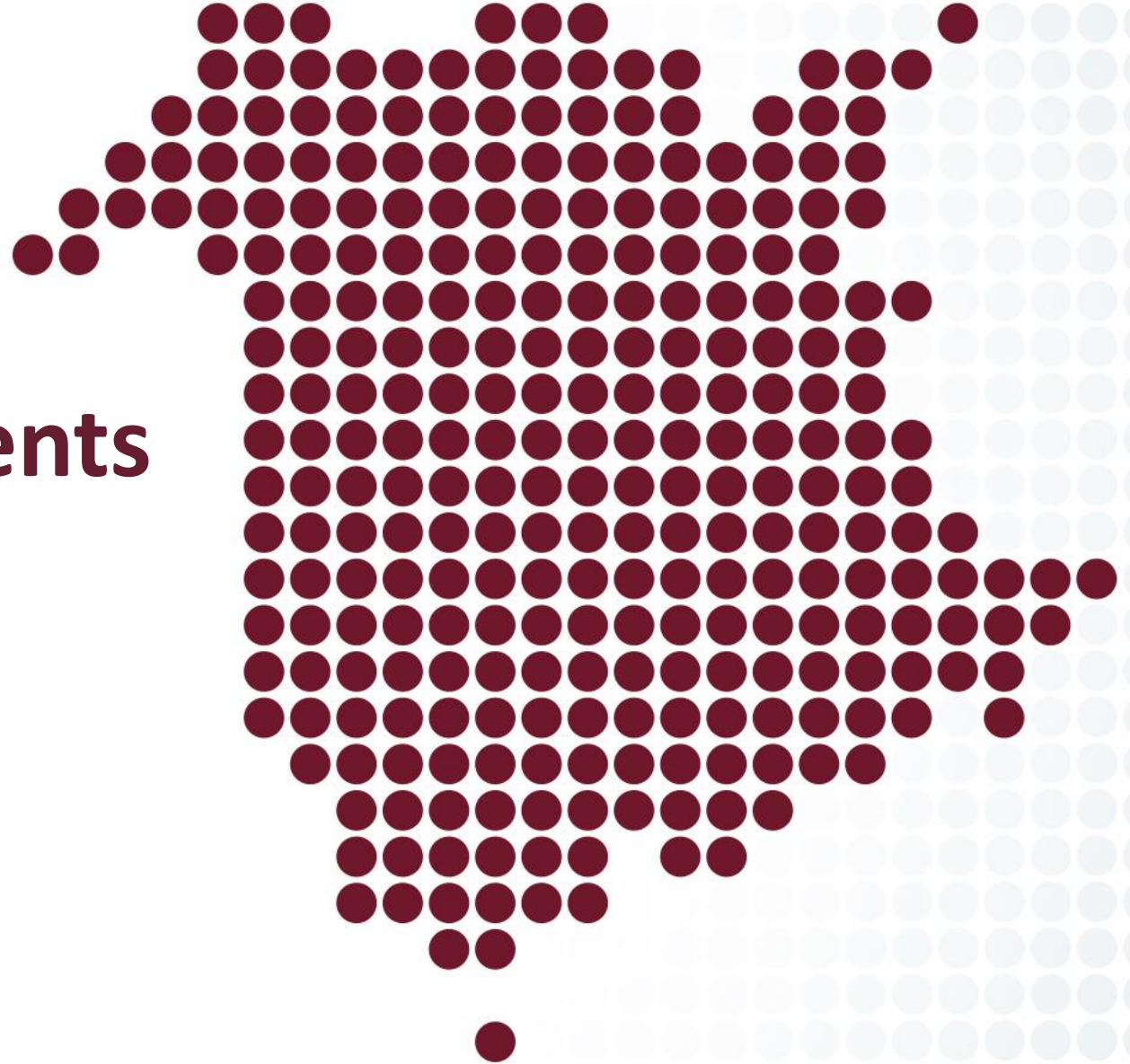




# Transparency in Election Commitments 2024



# Outline

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# Legislation

- *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*
- *General Regulation - Transparency in Election Commitments Act*

# Disclosure statements

- Applies to all registered political parties
- Applies to “party commitments” and “leader commitments” made, restated, or renewed within **90 days** before ordinary polling day
- Three types of disclosure statements:
  - Cost estimate
  - Maximum cost statement
  - No estimate prepared
- Obligation on party’s official representative to publish and file with Supervisor of Political Financing

# Research support from Legislative Library

- Research services provided
  - during six-month period before ordinary polling day
  - to assist political parties in meeting their obligations
- Director of Library Services
  - entitled to request and receive records from government departments
  - shall take reasonable steps to access other relevant information
- Departments shall respond to Director
  - more than 60 days before ordinary polling day: within 7 days
  - within 60 days before ordinary polling day: within 3 business days

# Timing of publication and filing

Date	Tuesday, July 23, 2024		Monday, September 16, 2024	Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Wednesday, September 18, 2024	Thursday, September 19, 2024		Tuesday, October 08, 2024	Wednesday, October 09, 2024	Thursday, October 10, 2024	Friday, October 11, 2024	Saturday, October 12, 2024		Monday, October 21, 2024
Description	90th day preceding ordinary polling day					Issue of writs of election						First advance polling day		Ordinary polling day
Party Commitments	For party commitments made, restated, or renewed during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than Thursday, September 19. [3(b); 6(1)(a)]					A disclosure statement must be filed the day on which a party commitment is made. [6(1)(b)]								
Leader Commitments	For leader commitments made, restated, or renewed during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than Thursday, September 19. [3(b); 6(1)(a)]				For leader commitments made during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than the third day following the day on which the commitment is made. [6(1)(c)]			A disclosure statement must be filed the day on which a leader commitment is made. [6(1)(d)]						

# Review process

- Supervisor to review, within two business days, all disclosure statements for compliance with the Act and its regulations
- Official representative has 24 hours to comply with direction of Supervisor to correct disclosure statement
- Penalties for failure to comply with direction to correct statement:
  - Party prohibited from advertising for remainder of election period
  - Subject to administrative penalty

# Complaints process

- Registered political party may make complaint to Supervisor alleging a failure to file required disclosure statement by another registered political party
- Supervisor must respond to complaint within 72 hours
- If Supervisor determines a disclosure statement must be filed, party must file disclosure statement within 24 hours of being notified



# Penalties

- Penalties for failure to comply with direction of Supervisor to file statement:
  - Party prohibited from advertising for remainder of election period
  - Subject to administrative penalty
- Within 30 days after return of writs, registered political party may apply to court for a declaration that another party violated or failed to comply with Act's requirements
  - No later than Monday, December 2, 2024
- If a declaration is made, the party is disqualified from receiving annual allowance until fiscal year after next general election

# Resources

- [P 10 001 Transparency in Election Commitments Manual](#)
  - <https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/enb/en/transparency-in-election-commitments.html>