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Attention: Candidates who have filed a Notice of Intent for the 2021 General Election and individuals intending on running for school board trustee or municipal elections in 2021

**Re: Notice from the Returning Officer  
Changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act, RSA 2000, c-L21***

On December 11, 2018 Royal Assent was given to *Bill 23 – An Act to Renew Local Government in Alberta*. This legislation contains changes that will impact local elections, most notably in regard to campaign financing. Included are changes to how campaign funds can be raised by a candidate, when the funds can be raised, and from whom the funds can be raised.

Some campaign financing requirements in the legislation will be applied from the date the Act received first reading on November 5, 2018. This means that funds raised by a candidate beginning November 5, 2018 may fall under the new legislation.

**It is important that all individuals who have filed a Notice of Intent for the 2021 municipal general election, or are considering running in the 2021 general election are aware of the changes and plan accordingly.**

The revised legislation is available [online](#) and further clarifying regulations are being developed for approval.

Municipal Affairs is available to answer specific questions on the legislative changes and the potential impacts on campaigns in local elections at (780) 247-2225 or toll free in Alberta 310-0000. Candidates are encouraged to seek independent legal advice to understand the rules prior to accepting contributions.

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