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B.C. Reg. 218/2021, deposited July 23, 2021, under the **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT** [sections 167.1 and 783]. Ministerial Order M307/2021, dated July 23, 2021.

I, Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, order that the attached Elections in Special Circumstances (COVID-19) Regulation is made.

— J. OSBORNE, *Minister of Municipal Affairs*.

ELECTIONS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (COVID-19) REGULATION

Definitions

1 In this regulation:

"Act" means the *Local Government Act*;

"eligible proceeding" means

- (a) an election proceeding, or
- (b) a proceeding for assent voting.

Advance registration

2 (1) This section modifies section 69 [*voting day registration only*] of the Act.

(2) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution, disapply a bylaw under section 69 of the Act.

Provincial list of voters

3 (1) This section modifies section 76 [*Provincial list of votes as register of resident electors*] of the Act.

(2) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution, provide that the most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the *Election Act* is to be the register of resident electors.

(3) Sections 68 (2) and 76 (3) of the Act apply in relation to a resolution under subsection (2) of this section.

Advance voting opportunities – dates and voting places

4 (1) This section modifies section 108 [*additional advanced voting opportunities*] of the Act.

- (2) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution,
- (a) disapply a bylaw under section 108 (1) of the Act, or
 - (b) do anything that may be done by bylaw under that section, other than repeal a bylaw under that section.

Special voting opportunities

5 (1) This section modifies section 109 [*special voting opportunities*] of the Act.

- (2) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution,
- (a) disapply a bylaw under section 109 (1) of the Act, or
 - (b) do anything that may be done by bylaw under that section, other than repeal a bylaw under that section.

Mail ballot voting

6 (1) This section modifies section 110 [*mail ballot voting*] of the Act.

- (2) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution,
- (a) disapply a bylaw under section 110 (1) of the Act, or
 - (b) do anything that may be done by bylaw under that section, other than repeal a bylaw under that section.
- (3) Section 110 (7) (e) of the Act applies in relation to a resolution under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) A local government may, in relation to an eligible proceeding, by resolution,
- (a) provide that section 110 (7) (b) and (c) of the Act is to be read as though a reference to a secrecy envelope were a reference to a secrecy sleeve, or
 - (b) disapply section 110 (7) (b) of the Act and provide that section 110 (7) (c) is to be read as though a reference to a secrecy envelope were a reference to the ballots.

Requirements before elector may be given a ballot

7 (1) This section modifies section 125 [*requirements before elector may be given ballot*] of the Act.

- (2) A local government may, in relation an eligible proceeding, by resolution, do any of the following:
- (a) provide that section 125 (1) (b) of the Act is to be read as though it provided that the person must, as directed by an election official,
 - (i) comply with section 125 (1) (b) as written, or
 - (ii) make an oral declaration of the facts set out in section 125 (1) (b), in which case the election official must make

- a record that the person made an oral declaration;
- (b) provide that section 125 (1) (c) of the Act is to be read as though it provided that the person must, as directed by an election official,
 - (i) comply with section 125 (1) (c) as written, or
 - (ii) make an oral declaration of the facts set out in section 125 (1) (c), in which case the election official must make a record that the person made an oral declaration and of the facts declared;
- (c) provide that section 125 (2) (a) of the Act is to be read as though it provided that the person must, as directed by an election official,
 - (i) comply with section 125 (2) (a) as written, or
 - (ii) make an oral declaration of the facts set out in section 125 (2) (a), in which case the election official must make a record that the person made an oral declaration and of the facts declared.

Repeal of regulation

8 This regulation is repealed on March 31, 2022.