

<b>DIRECTIVE NO.</b>	<b>CEO DIRECTIVE 2023-007</b>
<b>Date</b>	April 20, 2023
<b>Date Revised</b>	N/App
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Implementation of Voting Record</b>
<b>Reference</b>	Section 5.1 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
<b>Provisions of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> and <i>The Election Act Regulations</i> Impacted</b>	Sections 65, 66, 67, 69 – 73, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 141, 145, 159, 177, 205 and 206 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
<b>Intent</b>	To implement a new form called a Voting Record which consolidates the poll book and voters list

The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority, under section 5.1 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act) to direct the use of an alternate procedure, equipment or technology during a by-election. These CEO Directives must be provided to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Board of Internal Economy and each of the registered political parties at least four weeks before the writ for a by-election is issued.

For any provincial by-elections held in the Province of Saskatchewan on or before September 30, 2023, the Chief Electoral Officer hereby directs that an alternate procedure, called a Voting Record be implemented as an alternate procedure in accordance with the Act subsection 5.1(2). In accordance with subsection 5.1(4), this alternate procedure will be implemented should the by-election be called at least four weeks after the date of this CEO Directive.

The Voting Record will be a new form which combines elements of the “poll book” (defined in section 2(1)(dd) of the Act) and the “voters list” (defined in section 2(1)(rr) of the Act). The Voting Record will improve the efficiency of voting procedures by eliminating a substantial amount of transcription and handwriting that is required at the voting station. This will make voting faster and eliminate transcription errors.

The purpose is to continue to learn about how the administration of voting can be improved in advance of the next general election in October 2024. A secondary purpose is to serve voters with procedures that are more efficient than the procedures described in the Act.



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The Voting Record will be used at all voting stations which are established as standalone voting stations on the last day of the polling period (see CEO Directive 2023-001 for information on the Polling Period). These standalone voting stations will not have electronic poll books (see CEO Directive 2023-004) or vote counting equipment (see CEO Directive 2023-005).

The Chief Electoral Officer hereby directs that the references to a “voters list” and/or a “poll book” in sections 65, 66, 67, 69 – 73, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 141, 145, 159, 177, 205 and 206 in relation to standalone voting stations on the final day of the polling period shall be satisfied through the use of the “Voting Record” described in this directive.

This Directive is in effect for any provincial by-elections held in the province of Saskatchewan on or before September 30, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael D. Boda'.

DR. MICHAEL BODA  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
APRIL 20, 2023