

ORDER No. CEO-ORDER-2020-004

Date | September 16, 2020

Date Revised N/App

Subject | Election Proclamations – Personal Care Facility, Hospital and Remand Centre

Polls

Reference | Section 34 of The Election Act, 1996

Intent To adjust the contents of the election proclamations to provide more flexibility for the finalization and

confirmation of personal care facility, hospital and remand centre polls

The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority, under section 7 of *The Election Act*, 1996 (the Act) and section 2 of *The Election Act Regulations* (the Regulations) to declare that an emergency exists and that the Act does not provide adequate provision to respond to the emergency. These declarations are made through CEO Orders.

The Chief Electoral Officer hereby declares that pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Act and 2(2)(a)(ii) of the *Regulations* an emergency exists and there is a circumstance for which no adequate provision is made by the *Act* and in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, it is necessary and advisable to do the things mentioned in section 7 of the *Act* to safely prepare for and conduct an election.

The Chief Electoral Officer further declares that pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Act and section 2(2)(a) of the Regulations, the complications created by the COVID-19 pandemic regarding confirmation of polling locations in personal care facilities, hospitals and remand centres are a circumstance for which no adequate provision is made by the Act because the Act requires the returning officer to include these locations and the hours of the polling centres thereat in the election proclamation issued pursuant to section 34(2)(c) of the Act. The Chief Electoral Officer thereby invokes the emergency powers pursuant to section 7 of the Act to respond to the circumstance. The Chief Electoral Officer hereby orders that a measure be taken such that the requirement for the election proclamation set forth in section 34(2)(c) will be satisfied where the contents of the election proclamation indicate only that information on personal care facility, hospital and remand centre polls can be found on the Elections Saskatchewan website at https://www.elections.sk.ca/specialvoting.

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This order is in effect for Saskatchewan's 29th General Election, scheduled to be held pursuant to *The Legislative Assembly Act, 2007* section 8.1(1) on October 26, 2020.

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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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