

ORDER No.	CEO ORDER 2022-002
Date	July 15, 2022
Date Revised	N/App
Subject	Implementation of Voting Record
Reference	Section 5.1 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
Provisions of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> and <i>The Election Regulations</i> Impacted	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>
Intent	To pilot the implementation of a new form called a Voting Record and/or an Electronic Poll Book which consolidate the poll book and voters list during the Saskatoon Meewasin by-election

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 directives are made through CEO Orders.

For the pending constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin by-election, which must be held, in accordance with *The Legislative Assembly Act, 2007* subsection 46(1) by December 31, 2022, the Chief Electoral Officer hereby directs that a modified process, called a Voting Record be piloted 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 Order.

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 the poll clerk is required to perform. This will make voting faster and eliminate transcription errors.

The purpose of this pilot 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 in Saskatoon Meewasin with procedures that are more efficient than the procedures described in the Act and also have increased integrity. By allowing election

workers to complete strike off before Vote by Mail ballots are counted, it can be certain that no one could cast a ballot in person and by mail.

The Voting Record will be used at all polling day polls in the pending Saskatoon Meewasin by-election.

If the Chief Electoral Officer is instructed to issue a writ of election at least four weeks after the date of this CEO Order, advance poll voting will be conducted with modifications under section 135.1 of the Act to implement an electronic poll book which consolidates the paper-based poll book and voters list in electronic form. Should the Chief Electoral Officer be instructed to issue a writ of election before four weeks have passed since the submission of this CEO Order, advance poll voting will be conducted in the manner described in *The Election Act, 1996*.

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 shall be satisfied through the use of the “Voting Record” and/or the “Electronic Poll Book” described in this CEO Order.

For further clarity, references in the Act to a “voters list” or a “poll book” not included above, are not impacted by this CEO Order.

This order is in effect for the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin by-election, scheduled to be held before December 31, 2022.

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

DR. MICHAEL BODA
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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
JULY 15, 2022