



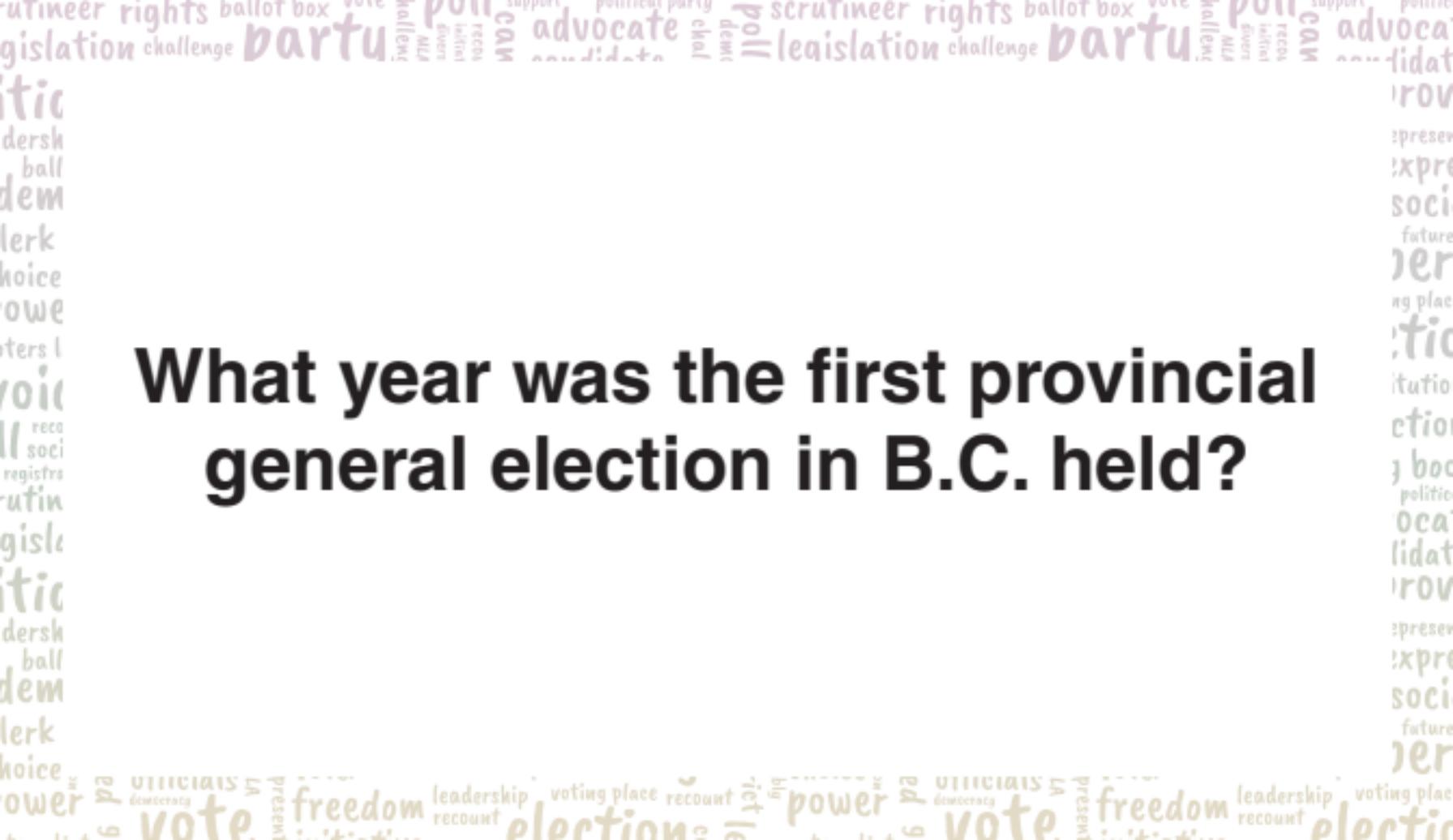


18 years or older



# What does MLA stand for?

Member of the Legislative Assembly  
MLAs are elected to make laws for the  
province. One MLA is elected in each  
electoral district.



**What year was the first provincial  
general election in B.C. held?**

1871

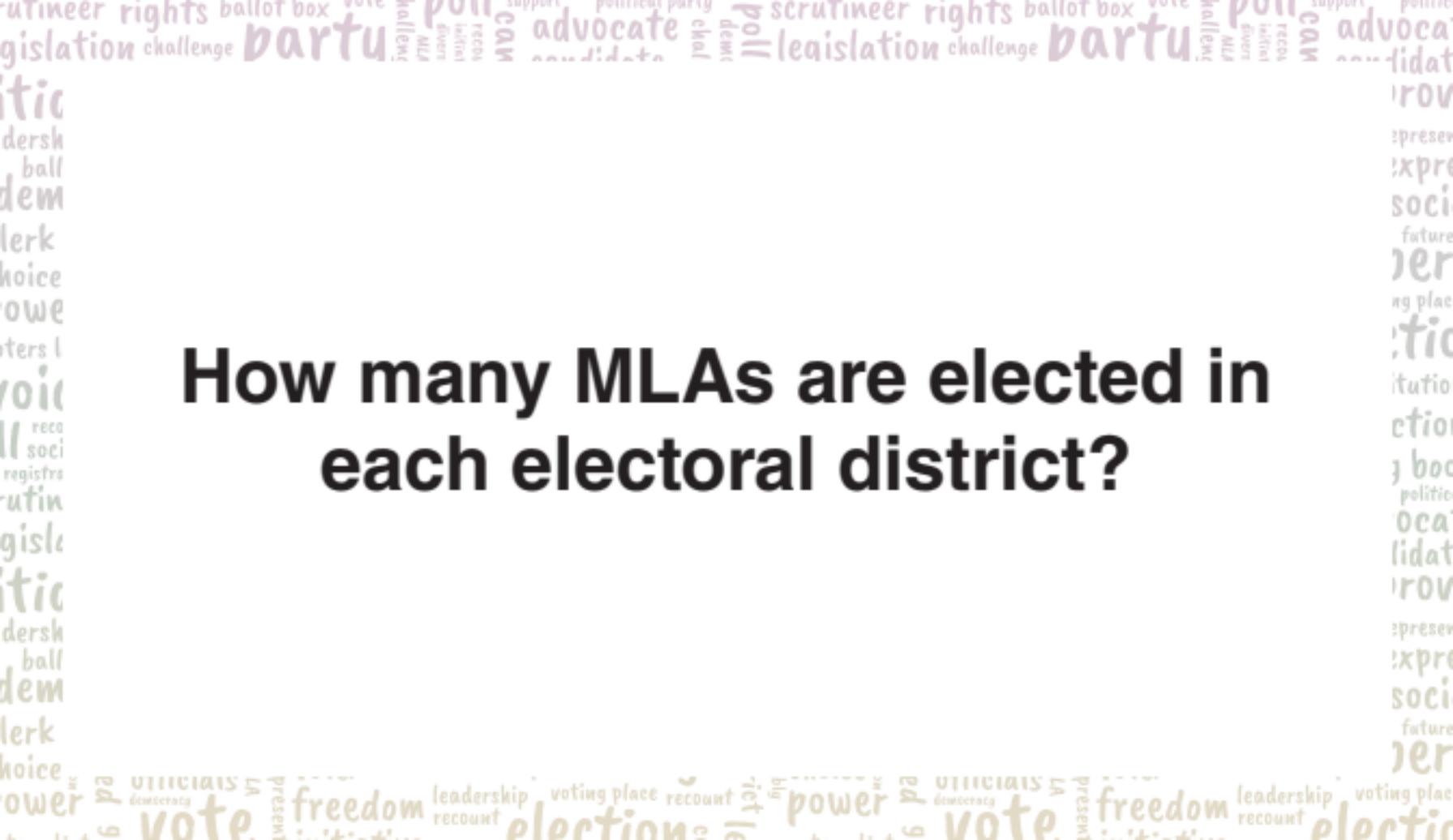
There were 46 candidates and no organized political parties. Less than 3,000 people qualified to vote.





## Premier

The Premier is also a Member of the  
Legislative Assembly (MLA).

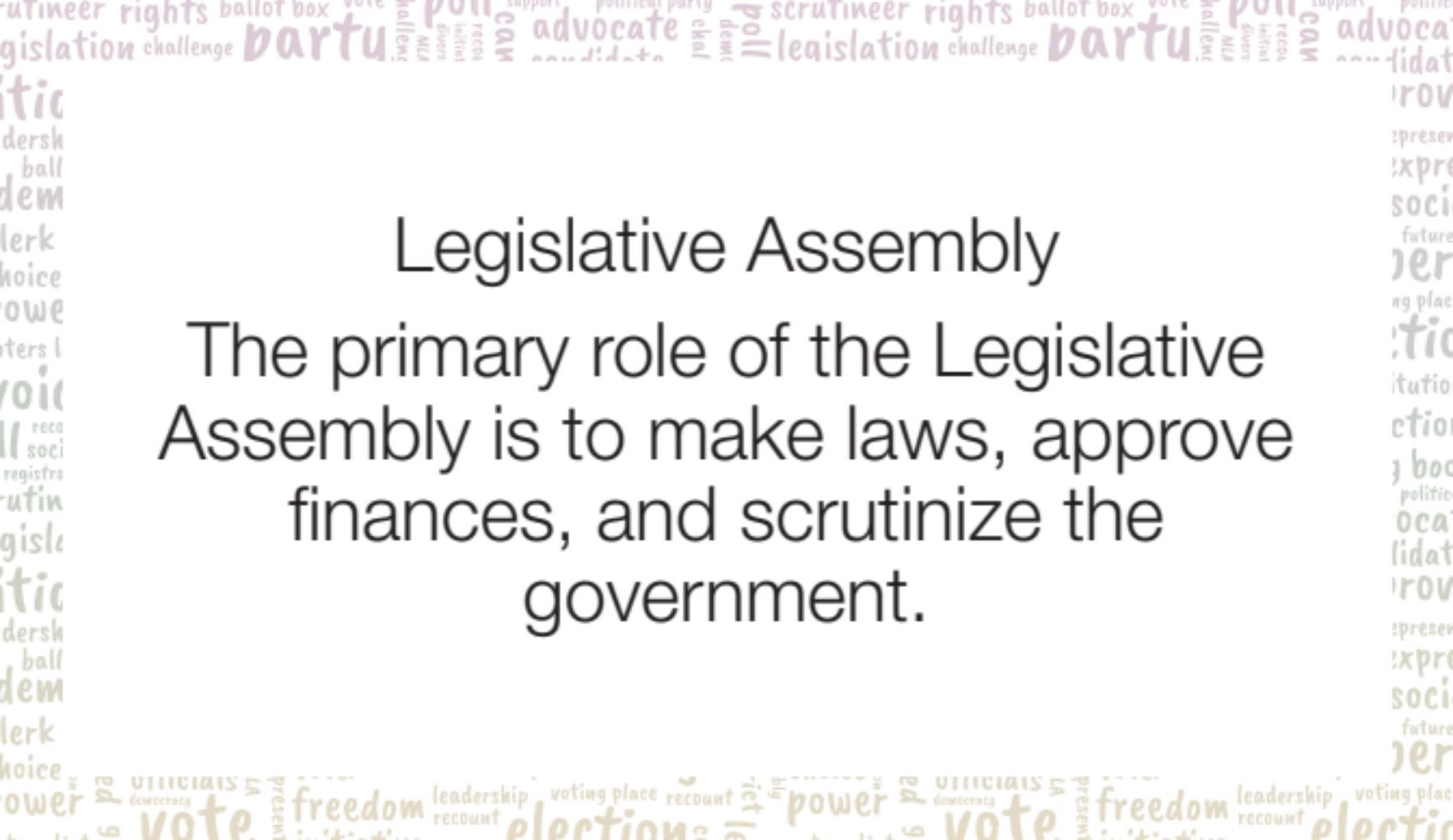


**How many MLAs are elected in  
each electoral district?**



One MLA is elected in each electoral district.

For a Bill to become law, it must be passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ and signed by the Lieutenant Governor.



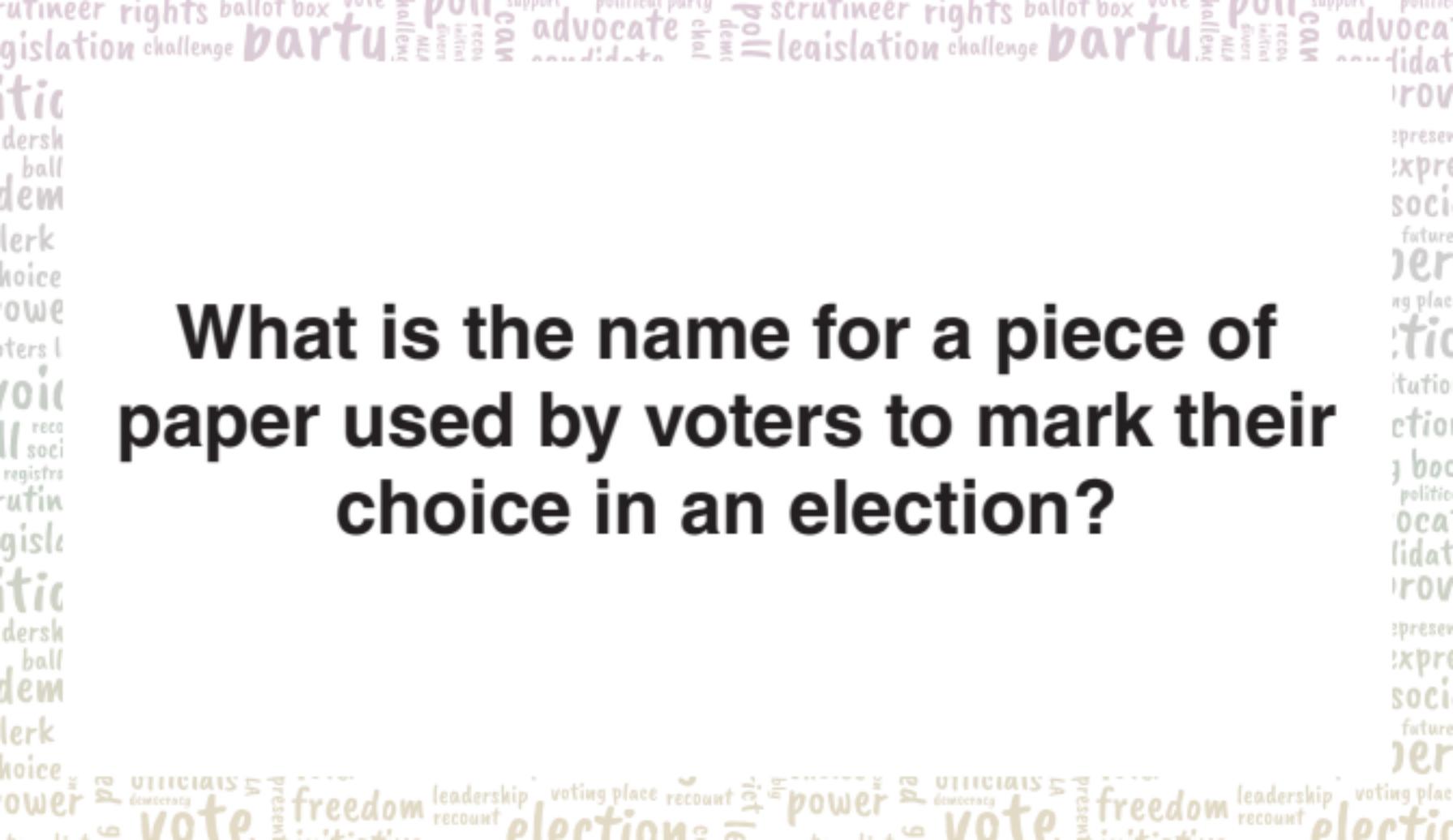
## Legislative Assembly

The primary role of the Legislative Assembly is to make laws, approve finances, and scrutinize the government.



## Lieutenant Governor

Along with other formal powers, the Lieutenant Governor can dissolve the Legislative Assembly and order a general election. In practice, this power is exercised at the request of the Premier.



**What is the name for a piece of paper used by voters to mark their choice in an election?**



**Who is the person elected to represent an electoral district in the Legislative Assembly?**



**What is the name of the official document signed by the Chief Electoral Officer and the Lieutenant Governor that directs a district electoral officer to conduct an election?**

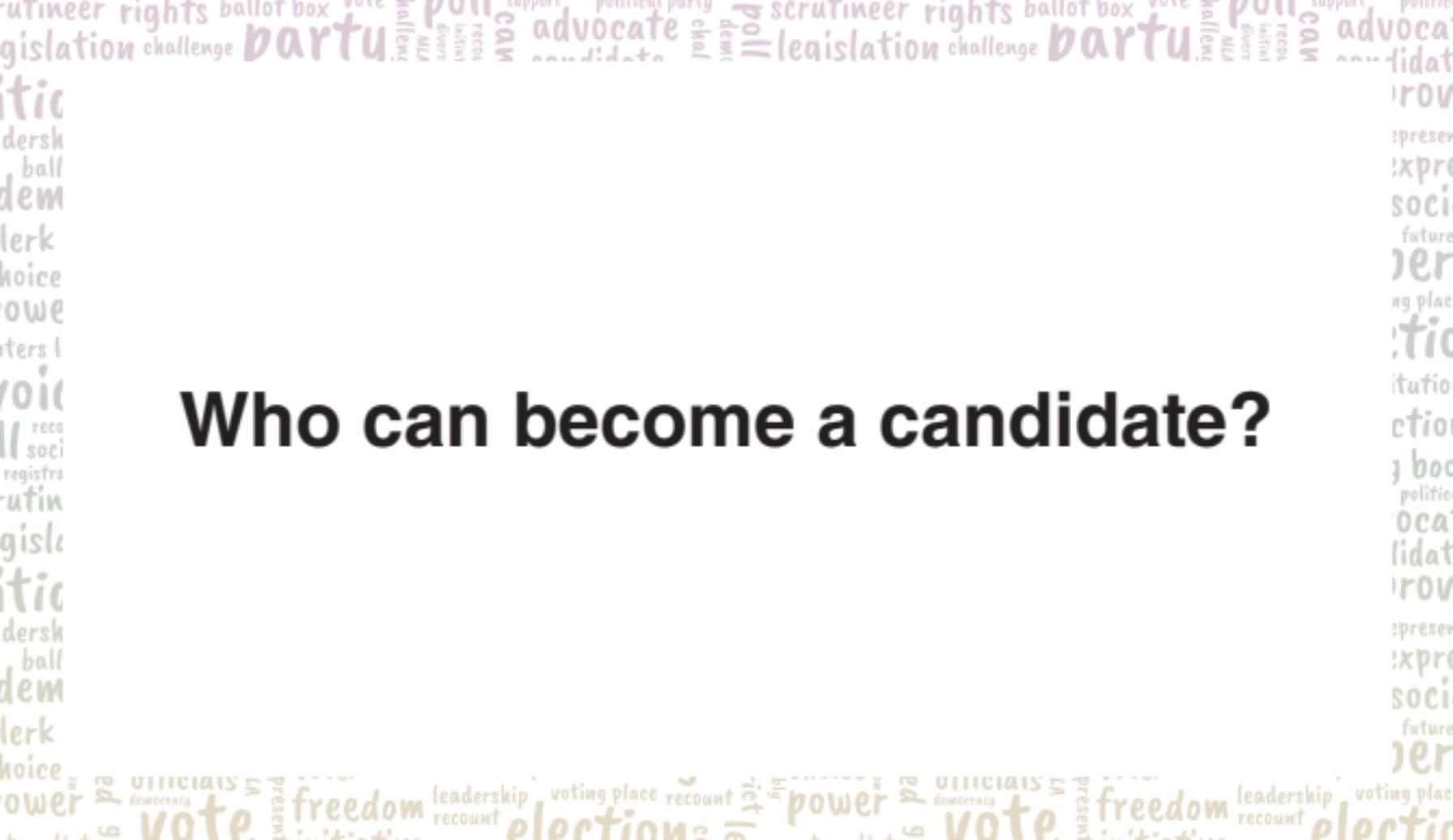
## Writ or writ of election

An election is called when the writ of election has been issued. In a general election, a writ is issued for every electoral district in the province.

**True or False: Voters must prove their identity before they vote.**

True

All voters must prove their identity  
and residential address before voting.  
There are many documents voters can  
use as identification.



# Who can become a candidate?

The individual must be a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older on election day for the election, and a resident of B.C. for the past six months.

# How old do you have to be to join the List of Future Voters?

16 and 17-year-olds who are Canadian citizens and residents of B.C. can join the List of Future Voters. When they turn 18 they will be automatically added to the Provincial Voters List.

**The Provincial \_\_\_\_\_  
contains the names and residential  
addresses of every registered  
voter in B.C.**

# Voters List

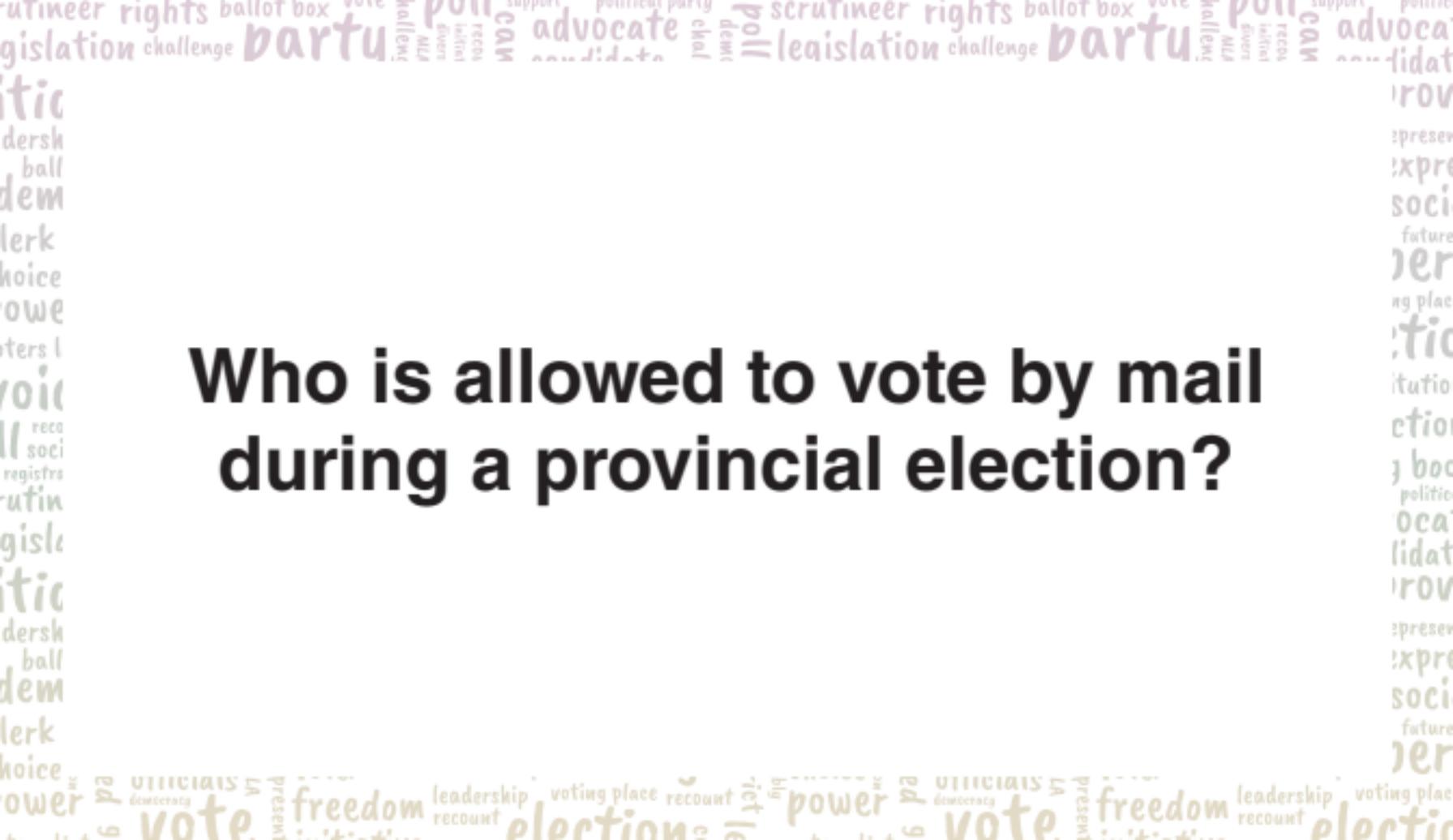
**There are many ways to register to  
vote. Name two of them.**

You can register to vote online, by phone, mail, fax, email or in person at the Elections BC office. You can also register when you vote.

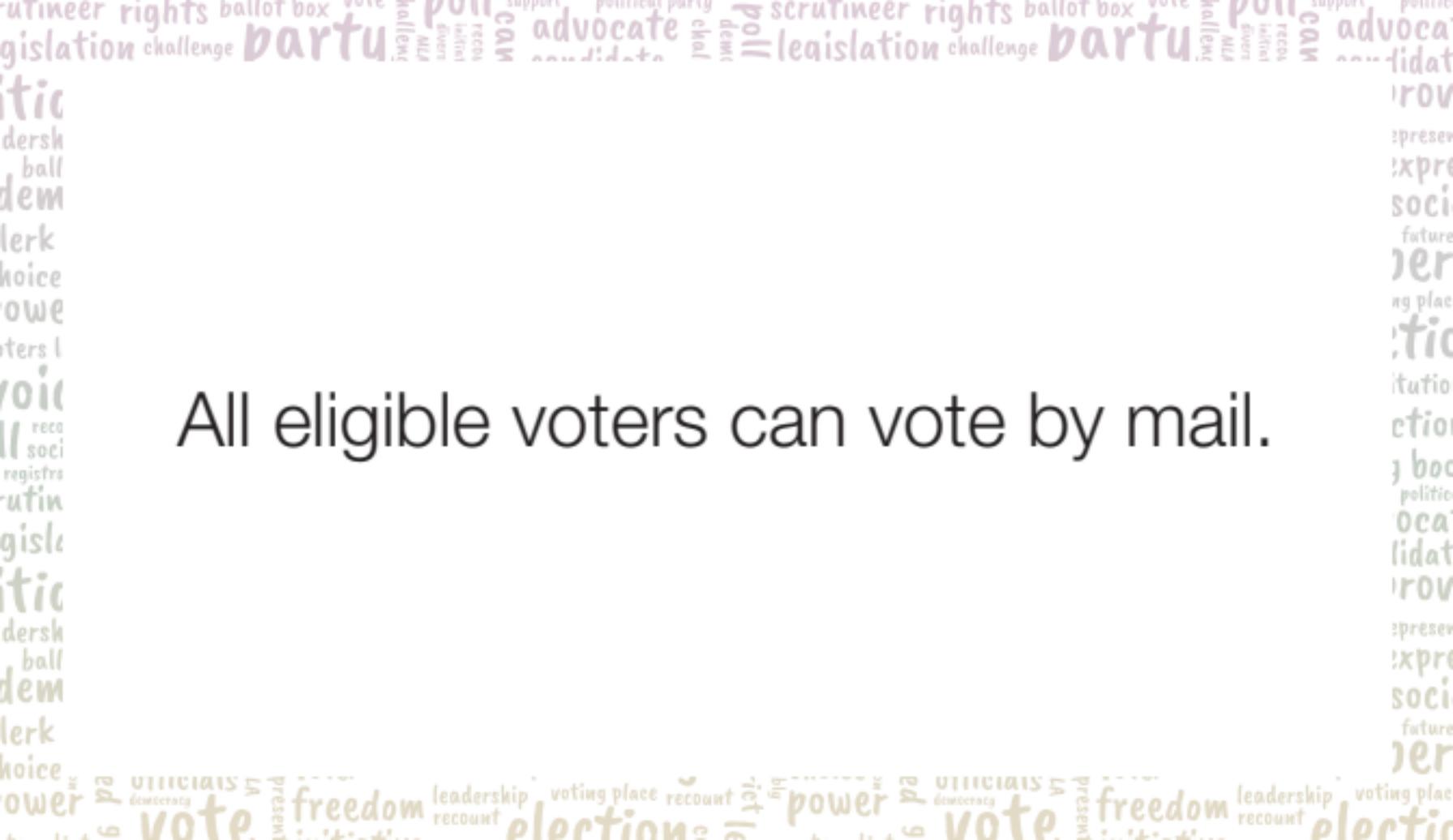
For more information on registration, call Election BC at 1-800-661-8683 or visit: [elections.bc.ca/register-to-vote](http://elections.bc.ca/register-to-vote)



To vote in a provincial election, you must be a Canadian citizen, 18 or older on election day, and a resident of B.C. for the past six months.



# Who is allowed to vote by mail during a provincial election?



All eligible voters can vote by mail.

**True or False: Voters are not allowed to get help marking their ballot.**

False

Voters can get help if they have a disability or difficulty reading or writing. They can tell the election official at the voting place if they want help.

# What resources does Elections BC have at voting places for blind or sight-impaired voters?

- a) Braille candidate list
- b) Large print ballot poster
- c) Plastic ballot template
- d) All of the above

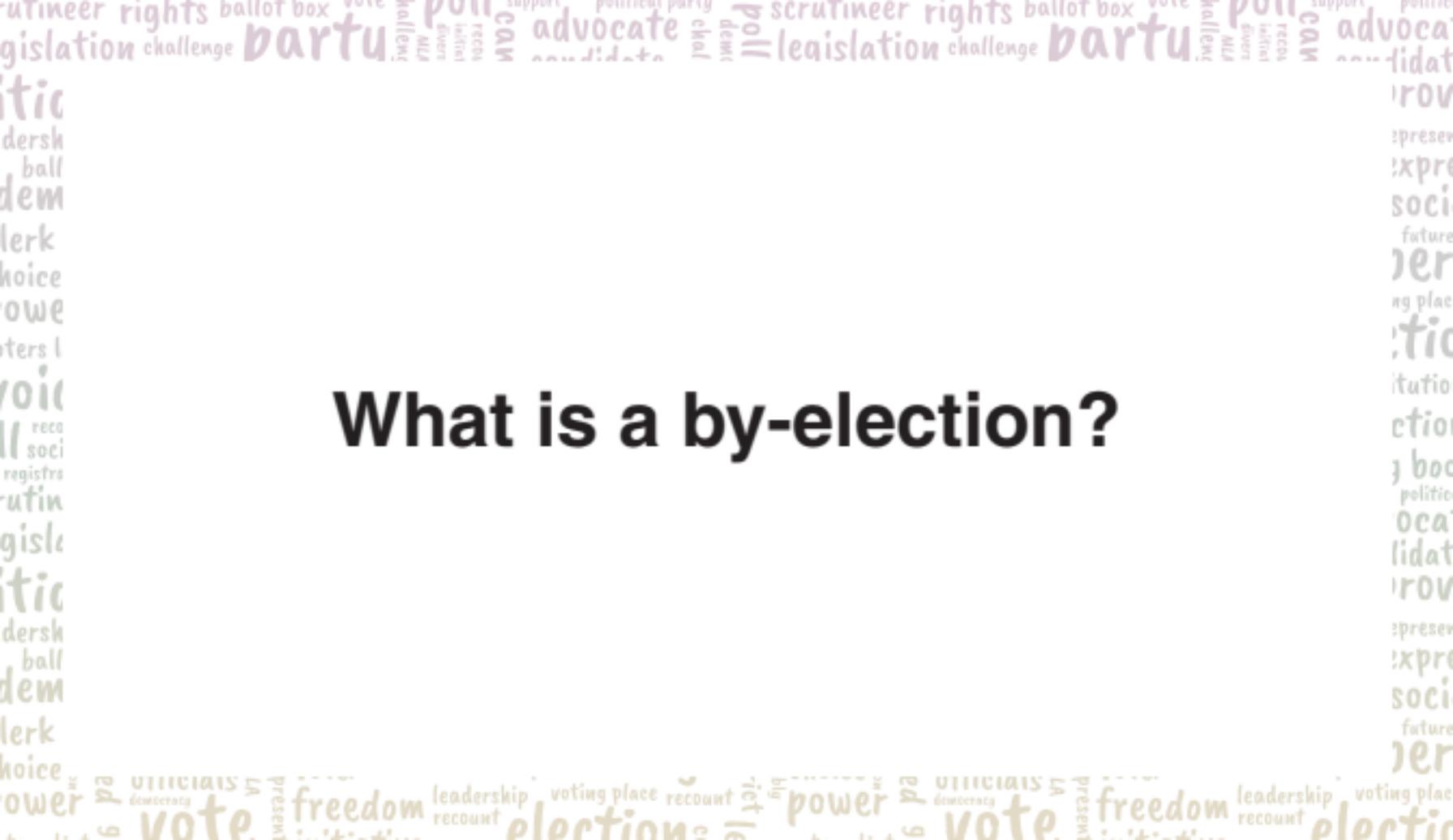
d) All of the above

All of these resources are available at voting places.

# When was the 2020 Provincial General Election?

- a) February 2020
- b) May 2020
- c) September 2020
- d) October 2020

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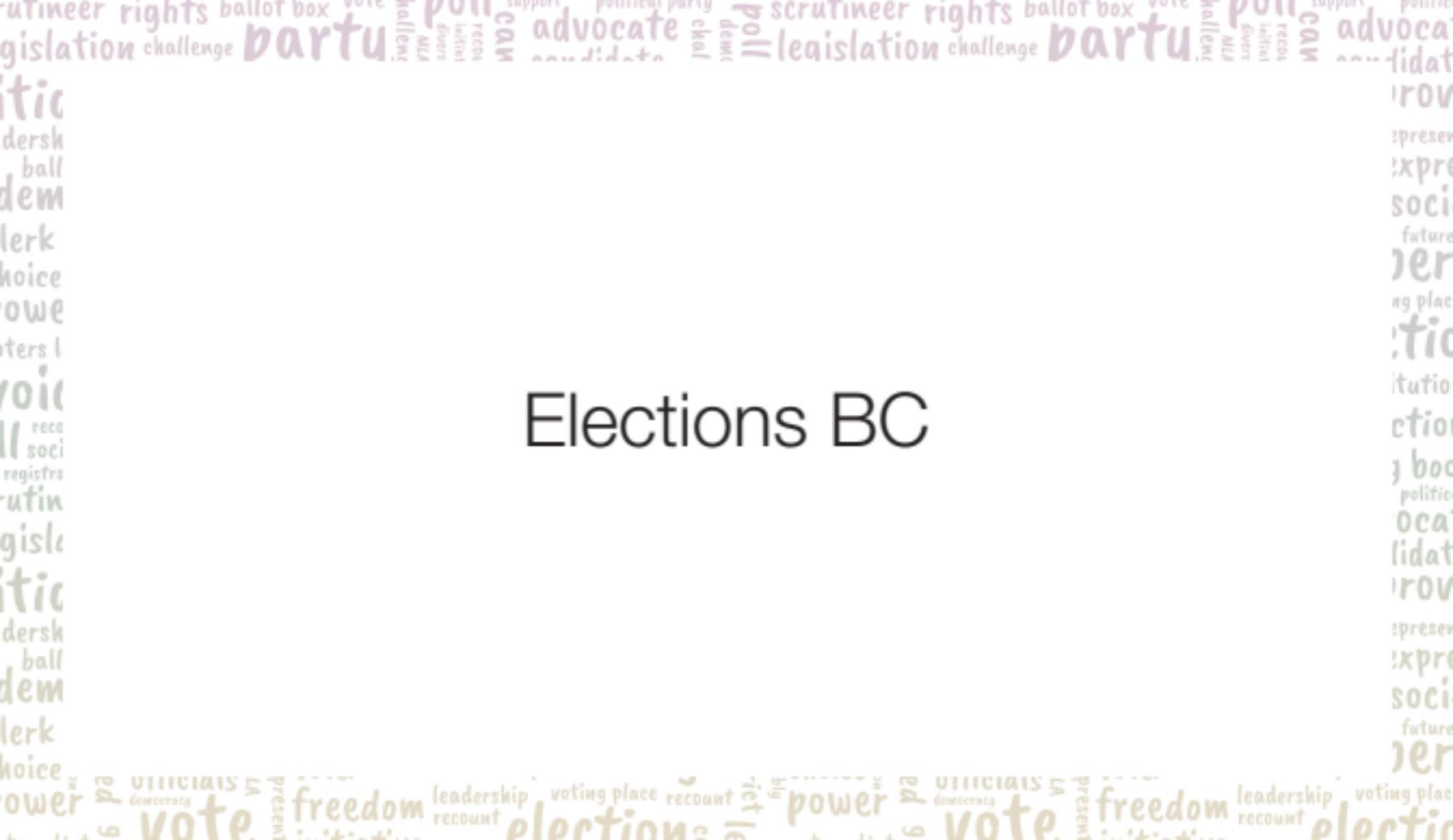


# What is a by-election?

An election held between general elections to fill an empty seat in the Legislative Assembly

A by-election is held when an MLA resigns, is disqualified from sitting, dies, or is successfully recalled.

# What non-partisan, independent Office of the Legislature administers provincial elections in B.C.?



# Elections BC



False

Elections BC administers provincial elections and Elections Canada administers federal elections.



A person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to conduct elections in an electoral district.

# How did most voters cast their ballot in the 2020 Provincial General Election?

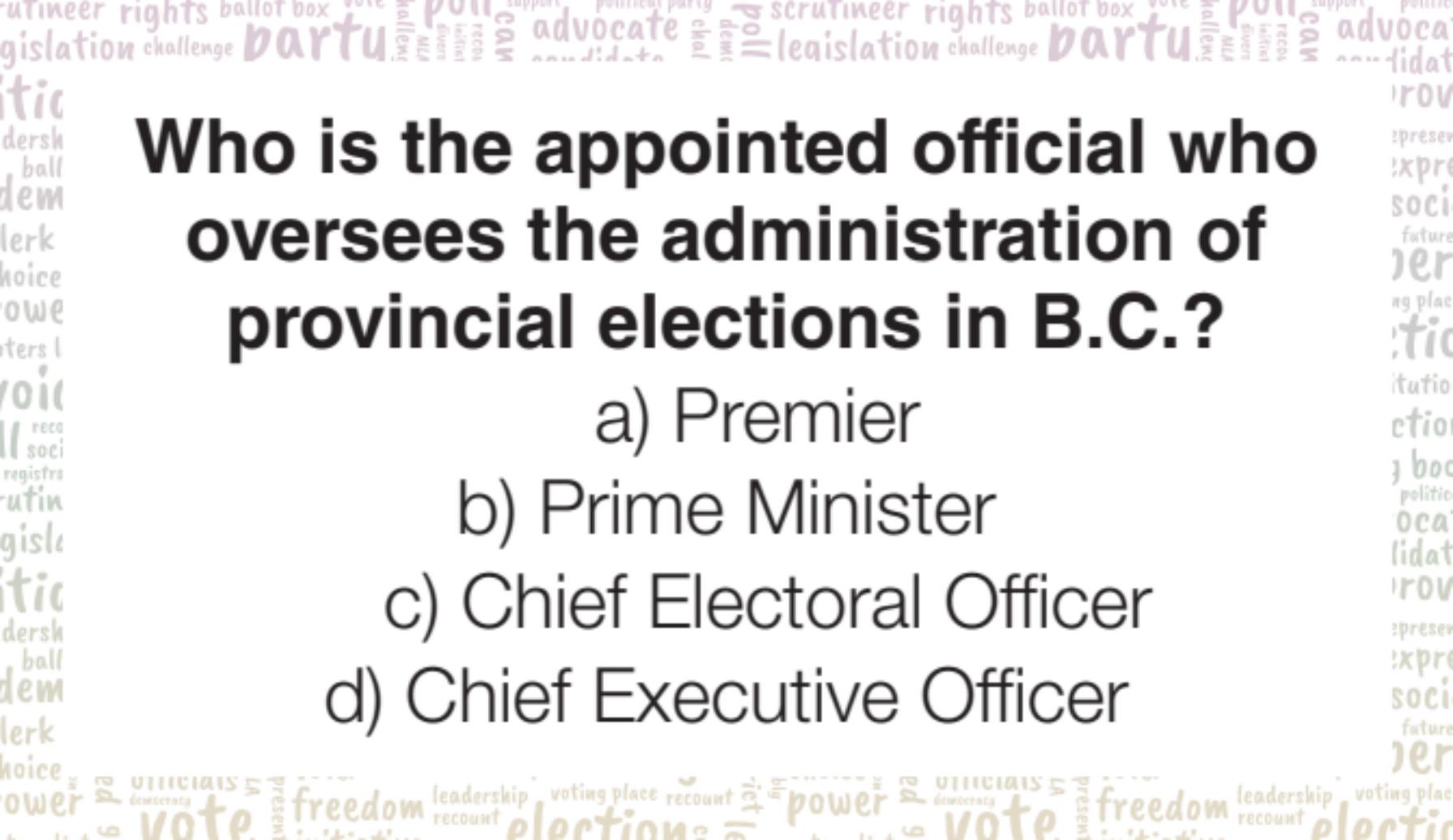
- a) Voting on election day
- b) Voting at advance voting
- c) Telephone voting
- d) Voting by mail

b) Voting at advance voting  
This was the most popular way  
to vote in 2020.



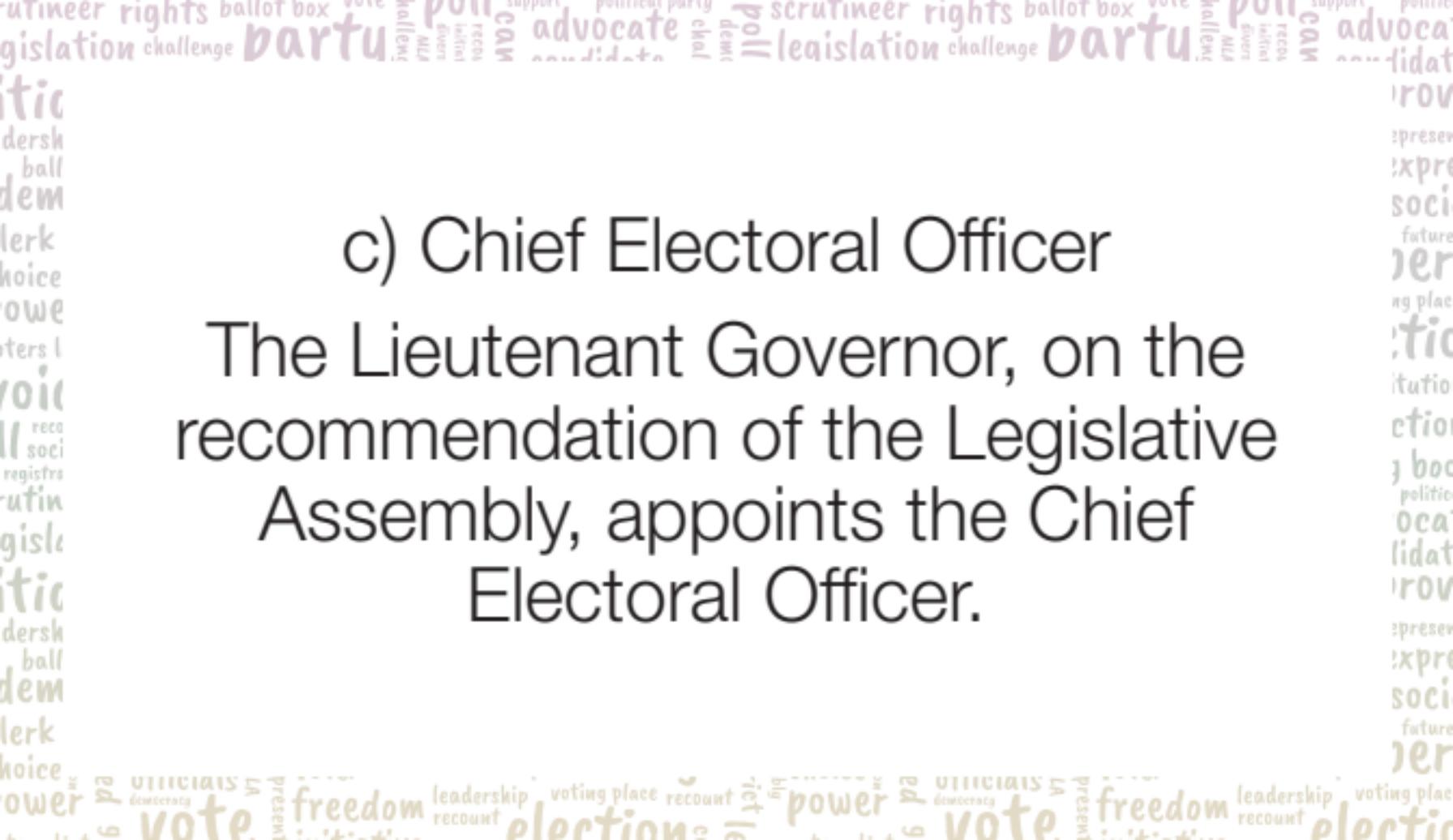
False

The election was an unscheduled or “snap” election. It was scheduled for October 2021 but it was called early by the Premier.



**Who is the appointed official who oversees the administration of provincial elections in B.C.?**

- a) Premier
- b) Prime Minister
- c) Chief Electoral Officer
- d) Chief Executive Officer



## c) Chief Electoral Officer

The Lieutenant Governor, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, appoints the Chief Electoral Officer.

# In what year did some women receive the right to vote?

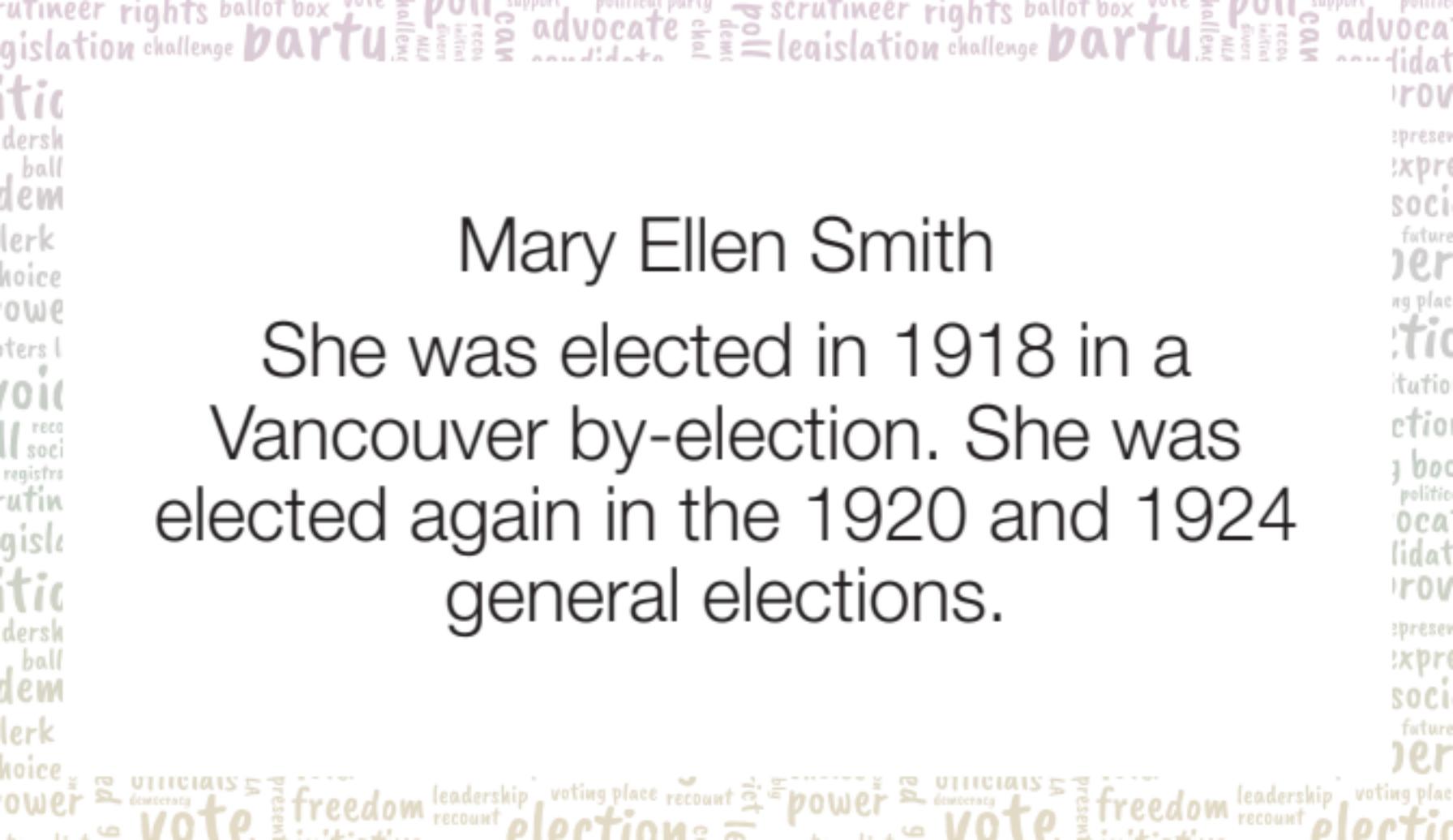
- a) 1871
- b) 1899
- c) 1903
- d) 1917

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B.C. was the fourth province to extend voting rights to women.



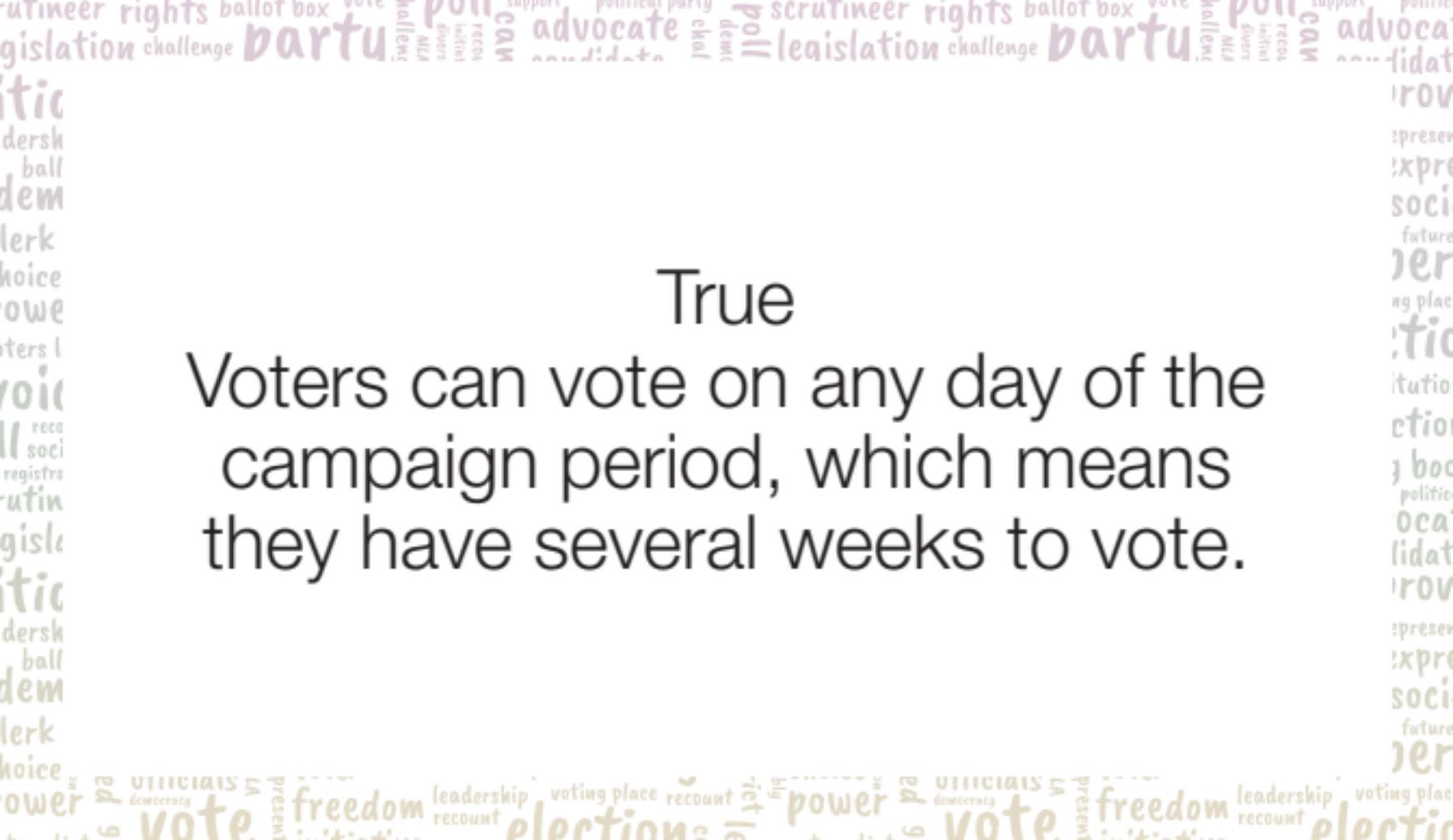
**Who was the first woman elected  
as an MLA?**



## Mary Ellen Smith

She was elected in 1918 in a Vancouver by-election. She was elected again in the 1920 and 1924 general elections.

**True or False: During a provincial election, voters can vote on any day of the campaign period (the period between when an election is called and the close of voting on election day).**

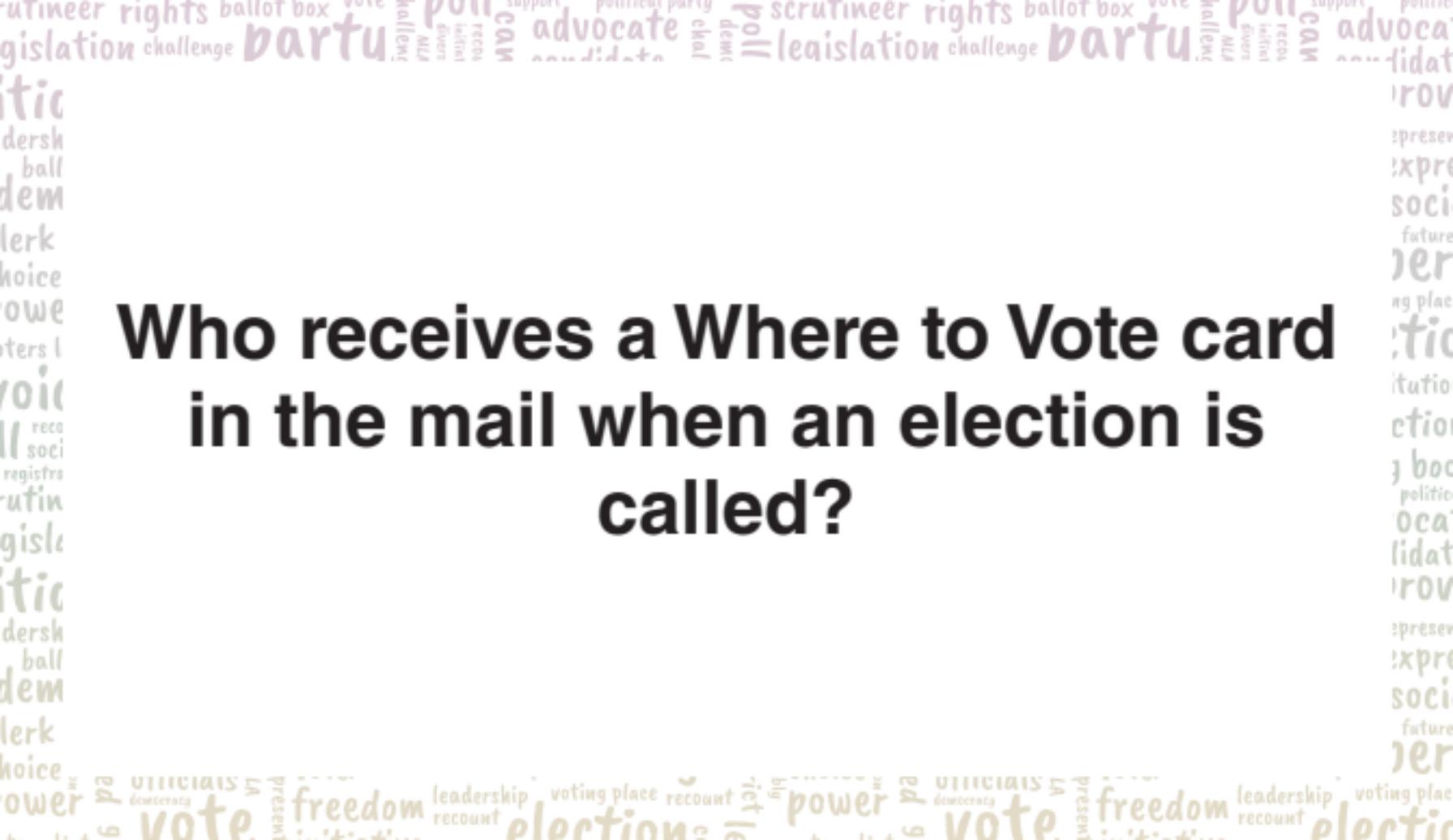


True

Voters can vote on any day of the campaign period, which means they have several weeks to vote.

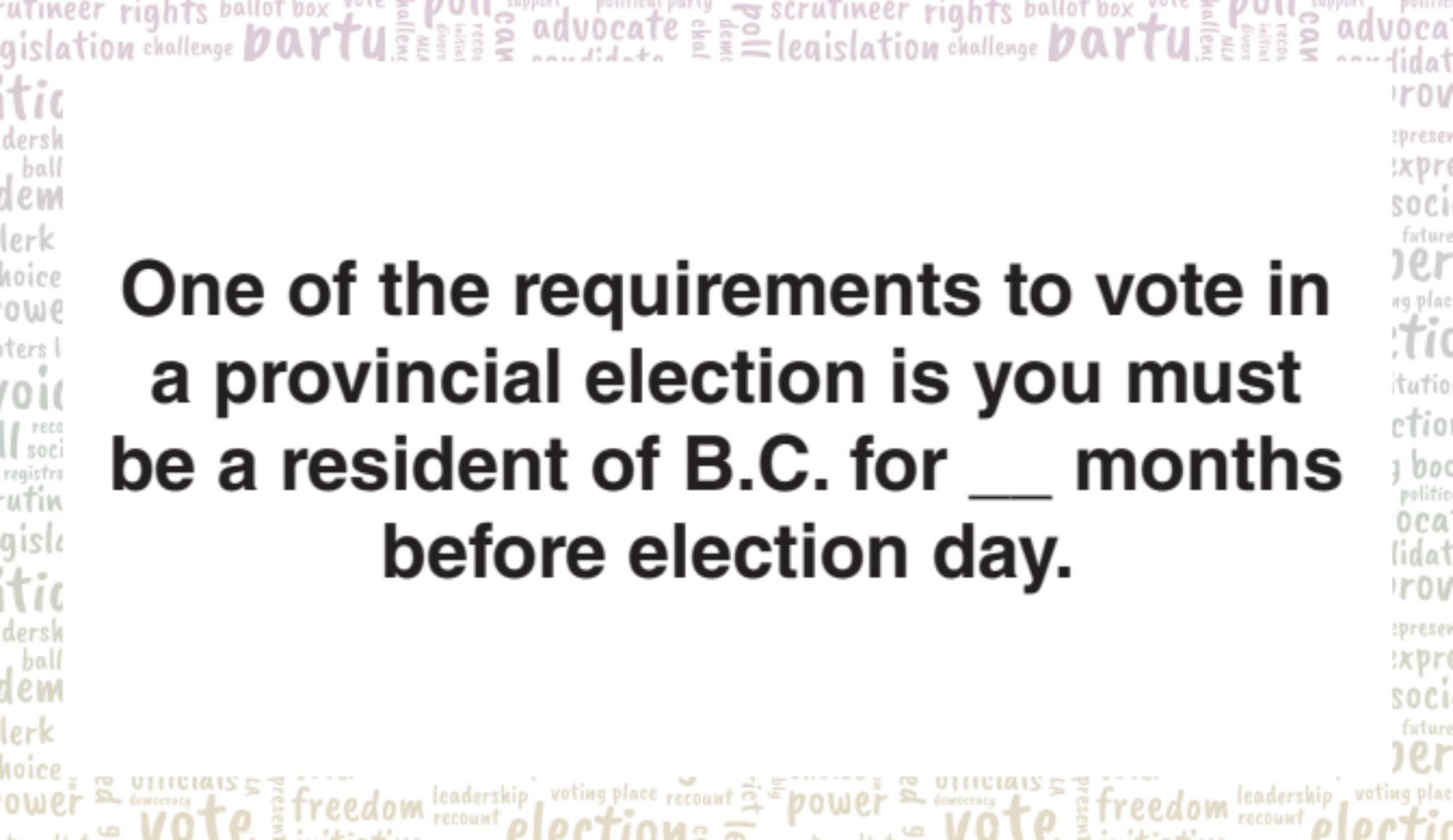
**True or False: Voters must vote  
at their assigned voting place on  
election day.**

False: Voters can vote at any voting place during advance voting and on election day.



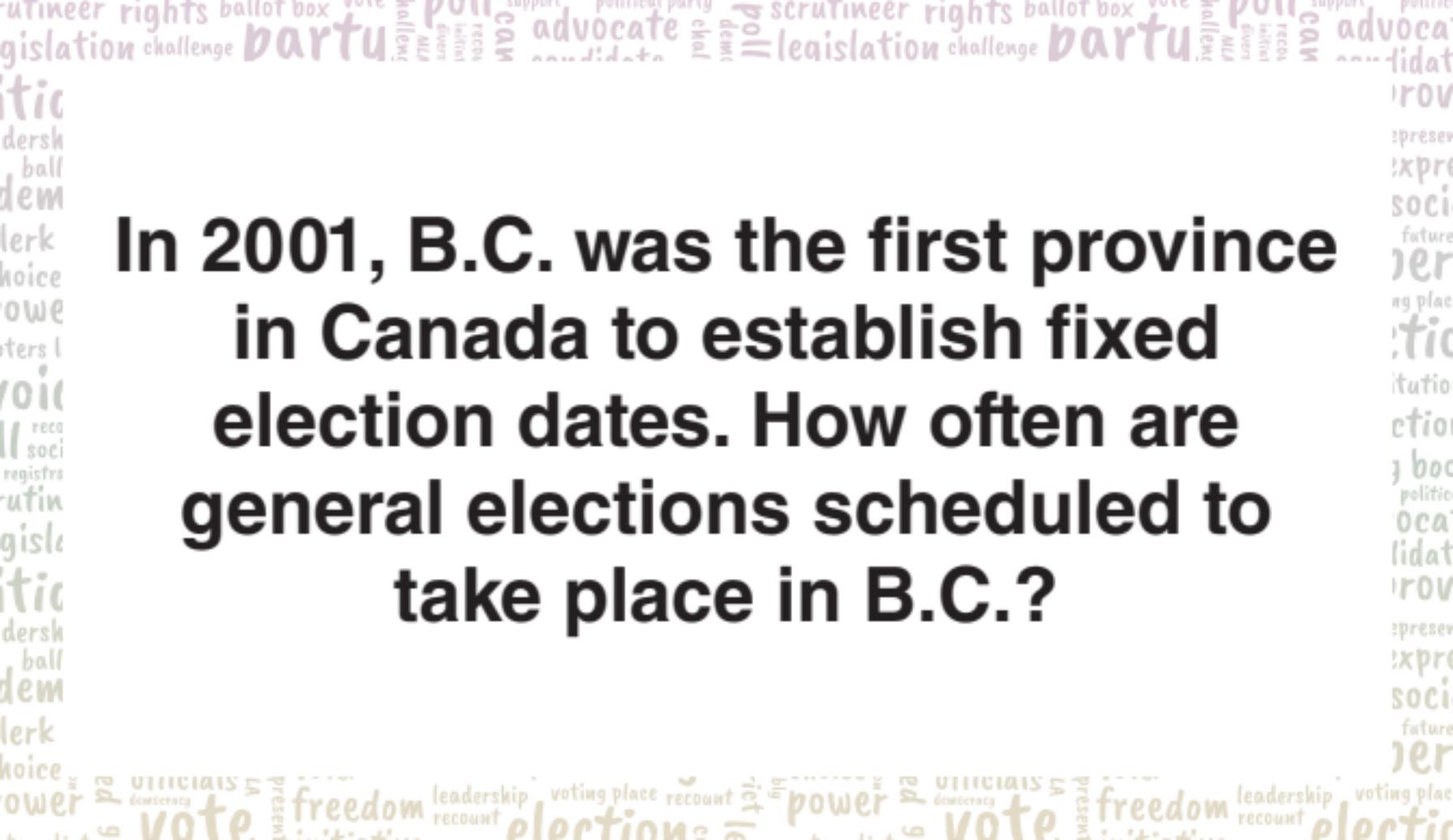
**Who receives a Where to Vote card  
in the mail when an election is  
called?**





**One of the requirements to vote in  
a provincial election is you must  
be a resident of B.C. for \_\_\_ months  
before election day.**





**In 2001, B.C. was the first province in Canada to establish fixed election dates. How often are general elections scheduled to take place in B.C.?**

Every four years

General elections can occur before a scheduled date if the government calls an election or loses the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

When elections are called on the same date for all of the electoral districts in the province, it is called a \_\_\_\_\_ election.

## General

General elections are scheduled every four years in B.C. Sometimes there are by-elections, which is an election held between general elections to fill an empty seat in the Legislative Assembly.