



APPLICATION FOR RECALL PETITION

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PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS OR TYPE

MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY NAMED IN PETITION		MEMBER'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT	
NAME OF APPLICANT			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			
CITY/TOWN		POSTAL CODE	PHONE NO. ()
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			POSTAL CODE
EMAIL			
<p>In accordance with section 168 of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i>, I request that the following personal information be obscured from public inspection:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOME ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Note: If personal information is to be obscured, an alternate address and telephone number that can be made public must be provided below.</i></p>			
ALTERNATE ADDRESS			ALTERNATE PHONE NO. ()
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must be a registered voter for the electoral district represented by the above-named Member. • Attach a clearly printed statement of 200 words or less stating why, in the applicant's opinion, recall of the above-named Member is warranted. See page 2 for more information about the statement. • A non-refundable processing fee of \$50 must accompany this application (cash, money order, traveller's cheque or certified cheque payable to the Minister of Finance). Uncertified cheques will not be accepted. 			
<p>I, the undersigned, declare that I am a registered voter for the electoral district represented by the above named Member and that I am not disqualified under sections 128 or 131 of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i> from making this application.</p>			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/PROPONENT		DATE: (YYYY / MM / DD)	
<p>WARNING: Signing a false statement is a serious offence and is subject to significant penalties under section 162 of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mail, fax or email your completed form to Elections BC using the contact information on page 2.</p> <p><small>The information on this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Recall and Initiative Act</i> and the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>. It will be used to administer the recall petition process. If you have questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information, contact the Elections BC Privacy Officer at 1-800-661-8683 or electionsbc@elections.bc.ca or PO Box 9275 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9J6.</small></p>			

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EVENT NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED (YYYY/MM/DD)	DATE APPLICATION APPROVED (YYYY/MM/DD)
ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PROPONENT NUMBER	MEMBER NUMBER



Number of words in proponent statement

An application for recall petition must contain a statement setting out why, in the opinion of the applicant, the recall of the Member is warranted. The statement must not exceed 200 words. What does Elections BC consider a “word” for the purpose of satisfying the application criteria?

Elections BC considers each meaningful grouping of letters or numbers, typically shown with a space on either side when written, to be a word.

While Elections BC will not correct errors or otherwise amend a submitted statement, for the purpose of determining the number of words in the statement, Elections BC will interpret words as they would typically be written, regardless of how they appear on the page as submitted.

For example, if the statement read “recalltheMember,” Elections BC would consider it to say “recall the Member” and count it as three words; however, the statement would still be published as “recalltheMember.”

Other standards to be followed when calculating the number of words in a submitted statement are:

- Contractions and abbreviations are to be considered one word
 - e.g. “doesn’t” is one word, not two
- Hyphenated words are to be considered one word, provided the word is typically hyphenated
 - e.g. “non-commissioned” is one word, not two
 - e.g. “where-to-vote” is three words, not one, because it is not hyphenated in typical use
 - e.g. “eighty-five” is one word, not two
- Electoral district names that are hyphenated are to be read without the hyphen and each word in the name considered as a unique word
 - e.g. “Powell River-Sunshine Coast” is four words, not three
- Initialisms and acronyms are to be considered one word, not the number of words in the entire phrase
 - e.g. “MLA” is one word, not five (Member of the Legislative Assembly)
 - e.g. “NASA” is one word, not five (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- Each segment of a date written in words or words and numbers is to be considered as an individual word, but dates written entirely as numbers are to be considered a single word
 - e.g. “May 12, 2009” is three words
 - e.g. “10/10/11” is one word
- Telephone numbers are to be considered a single word
 - e.g. “250-387-5305” is one word
- Email and website address are to be considered a single word
 - e.g. “electionsbc@elections.bc.ca” is one word
 - e.g. “www.elections.bc.ca” is one word
- Unless written as words, numbers are to be considered to be a single word
 - e.g. “85” is one word
 - e.g. “one hundred” is two words
- Dollar amounts written with a monetary symbol are considered to be one word
 - e.g. “\$100” is one word
 - e.g. “\$1 million” is two words

Counting the number of words in the statement must be done manually. Electronic word counting functions, such as the word count feature in MS Word, do not follow the standards used by Elections BC.

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