

BULLETIN

RECALL AND INITIATIVE AMENDMENT ACT, 2018

[Bill 53, Recall and Initiative Amendment Act, 2018](#) received Royal Assent on November 8, 2018, resulting in changes to the financing provisions of the *Recall and Initiative Act* in relation to recall petitions. Elections BC's forms and guides are being updated to reflect the amendments. Under the new rules:

- Only one recall petition may be active for a given Member of the Legislative Assembly at one time.
- Recall petitions cannot be submitted within six months of the next fixed-date general election.
- Contributions from organizations, corporations and unions are prohibited.
- Only eligible individuals can make contributions. An eligible individual is someone who is a resident of B.C. and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- An eligible individual may contribute up to \$1,200 per year.
- Recall advertising sponsors are limited to \$5,000 of advertising during a recall petition period.
- The use of contributions received prior to November 8, 2018 is restricted. Up to \$1,200 of such contributions from each eligible individual can be used for future recall expenses and advertising messages.
- Information about specified fundraising functions is required to be disclosed both before and after the function occurs.
- Loans and guarantees for recall advertising or other expenses can only be provided by savings institutions at a non-preferential interest rate.

- Sponsors that conduct direct recall advertising outside of a recall petition period must register with Elections BC and file disclosure reports for non-petition periods.
- Recall advertising includes canvassing voters by phone or in person.
- Monetary penalties can be applied for non-compliance with financing and advertising provisions.

This bulletin applies to finance and advertising rules under the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

Questions?

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