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ELECTION FINANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE ACT Chapter E-2

The provincial *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* defines municipalities as "prohibited corporations" and as such, municipalities are ineligible to make any contributions for provincial political fund-raising purposes. This legislation prohibits municipalities from making a contribution to a political fund-raising function for registered candidates, registered parties or registered constituency associations. Direct and indirect contributions by municipalities are not permitted. (i.e. reimbursing political contribution expenses of municipal employees, contract employees, or elected officials attending a political fund-raising function such as ticket purchase contribution costs, donations or sponsorship costs).

Interpretation

1(e) "contribution" means any money, real property or goods or the use of real property or goods that is provided

- (i) to a political party, constituency association, candidate or leadership contestant, or*
- (ii) for the benefit of a political party, constituency association, candidate or leadership contestant with the consent of the political party, constituency association, candidate or leadership contestant, without compensation from that political party, constituency association, candidate or leadership contestant;*

1(l) "prohibited corporation" means

- (i) a Provincial corporation as defined in the Financial Administration Act, and includes a management body within the meaning of the Alberta Housing Act and a regional health authority and a subsidiary health corporation under the Regional Health Authorities Act,*
- (ii) a municipality,*
- (iii) a Metis settlement,*
- (iv) a school board under the School Act,*
- (v) a public post-secondary institution under the Post-secondary Learning Act,*
- (vi) repealed 2012 c5 s58,*
- (vi.1) a corporation associated with a corporation referred to in subclauses (i) to (v) as determined under subsections (2.1) to (2.3),*
- (vi.2) a corporation that does not carry on business in Alberta,*
- (vi.3) a registered charity,*
- (vi.4) a publicly funded corporation as determined by the regulations, or*
- (vii) any corporation, or corporation within a class of corporation, designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as a prohibited corporation;*

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Prohibited contributions

35(1) *No registered party, registered constituency association or registered candidate shall, directly or indirectly,*

(a) solicit or accept a contribution if the registered party, registered constituency association or registered candidate knows or ought to know that the prospective contributor is

(i) a person ordinarily resident outside Alberta,

(ii) a prohibited corporation, or

(iii) a trade union or employee organization other than a trade union or employee organization as defined in this Act,