



BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

*Election Act*

POLITICAL PARTY AND CONSTITUENCY  
ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL  
REPORTS REGULATION

**B.C. Reg. 26/2020**

Deposited and effective February 19, 2020

**Consolidated Regulations of British Columbia**

*This is an unofficial consolidation.*

B.C. Reg. 26/2020 (Chief Electoral Officer), deposited and effective February 19, 2020, is made under the *Election Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106, s. 283.

This is an unofficial consolidation provided for convenience only. This is not a copy prepared for the purposes of the *Evidence Act*.

This consolidation includes any amendments deposited and in force as of the currency date at the bottom of each page. See the end of this regulation for any amendments deposited but not in force as of the currency date. Any amendments deposited after the currency date are listed in the B.C. Regulations Bulletins. All amendments to this regulation are listed in the *Index of B.C. Regulations*. Regulations Bulletins and the Index are available online at [www.bclaws.ca](http://www.bclaws.ca).

See the User Guide for more information about the *Consolidated Regulations of British Columbia*. The User Guide and the *Consolidated Regulations of British Columbia* are available online at [www.bclaws.ca](http://www.bclaws.ca).

Prepared by:  
Office of Legislative Counsel  
Ministry of Attorney General  
Victoria, B.C.

## *Election Act*

# **POLITICAL PARTY AND CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORTS REGULATION**

**B.C. Reg. 26/2020**

### *Contents*

- 1 Definition
- 2 Additional information to be included in annual financial report
- 3 Classes of income – registered political party
- 4 Classes of income – registered constituency association
- 5 Classes of expenditures

#### **Definition**

- 1** In this regulation, “**Act**” means the *Election Act*.

#### **Additional information to be included in annual financial report**

- 2** For the purposes of section 207 (3) (j) of the Act, an annual financial report for a registered political party or registered constituency association must include the following information for each fundraising function held by or on behalf of the organization during the year:
  - (a) details about income not reported as contributions, including the number of tickets sold and the charge per ticket;
  - (b) for specified fundraising functions, the information recorded under section 190 (6) of the Act.

#### **Classes of income – registered political party**

- 3** For the purposes of section 207 (5) of the Act, the income of a registered political party must be reported according to the following classes:
  - (a) political contributions;
  - (b) gross fundraising income not reported as political contributions;
  - (c) transfers, referred to in section 180 (6) of the Act, received by the registered political party;
  - (d) interest and investment income;
  - (e) product sales;
  - (f) advertising income;
  - (g) rental income;
  - (h) reimbursement of election expenses;
  - (i) annual allowance;
  - (j) other income.

#### **Classes of income – registered constituency association**

- 4** For the purposes of section 207 (5) of the Act, the income of a registered constituency association must be reported according to the following classes:

- (a) political contributions;
- (b) gross fundraising income not reported as political contributions;
- (c) transfers, referred to in section 180 (6) of the Act, received by the registered constituency association;
- (d) interest and investment income;
- (e) product sales;
- (f) advertising income;
- (g) rental income;
- (h) other income.

**Classes of expenditures**

**5** For the purposes of section 207 (5) of the Act, the expenditures made or incurred by a registered political party or registered constituency association must be reported according to the following classes:

- (a) accounting and audit services;
- (b) the following classes of advertising:
  - (i) commercial canvassing in person, by telephone or by mobile device;
  - (ii) newspapers and periodicals;
  - (iii) promotional materials, including newsletters, brochures, buttons and novelty items;
  - (iv) radio;
  - (v) search engine marketing and optimization;
  - (vi) signs;
  - (vii) social media;
  - (viii) television;
  - (ix) website displays;
  - (x) other forms of advertising;
- (c) amortization expense;
- (d) bad debt expense;
- (e) bank charges;
- (f) conventions, workshops and meetings;
- (g) donations and gifts;
- (h) fundraising functions;
- (i) furniture and equipment;
- (j) interest expense;
- (k) office rent, utilities, insurance and maintenance;
- (l) office supplies and stationery;
- (m) postage and courier;

- (n) professional services;
- (o) research and data, including election surveys and polls;
- (p) salaries and benefits;
- (q) social functions;
- (r) subscriptions and dues;
- (s) telecommunications and information technology;
- (t) transfers, referred to in section 180 (6) of the Act, made by the registered political party or registered constituency association;
- (u) travel;
- (v) other expenditures.

---

Copyright © 2020, Province of British Columbia