

## **CHANGE TO THE ELECTION PERIOD FOR A BY-ELECTION**

Elections Nova Scotia

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ELECTIONS NOVA SCOTIA--Amendments to the Elections Act (Bill 162), which received Royal Assent on May 20, 2016, made changes to when the election period for a by-election begins. Instead of the election period for a by-election beginning with a notice of vacancy, it now begins with the issuance of the writ. This is the same start time as for a general election.

As a result, Nova Scotia is no longer in the election period for the pending by-election in the electoral district of Halifax Needham.

“This change has a direct impact on those individuals and registered parties contemplating contesting the vacant seat in Halifax Needham,” says Richard Temporale, Nova Scotia’s Chief Electoral Officer. “It also frees the government to communicate broadly to the general public about its programs and initiatives without running the risk of violating election advertising rules.”

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