

June 16, 2015 – Amendment to the *Elections Act*

In April, the Nova Scotia legislature passed an amendment to the province's elections law that would exempt salaries from rules that considered a person's salary to be an illegal campaign contribution. Bill 83, which also includes more than 100 other amendments to the Elections Act, passed third reading, but has yet to be officially proclaimed.

On June 15, 2015, the Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister responsible for the *Elections Act*, and pursuant to Section 103 of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2015, *An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act*, and subsection 3(7) of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Interpretation Act*, proclaimed that Sections 87 and 102 of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2015, *An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act*, come into force on and not before June 16, 2015.

Clause 87

(a) corrects an error; and

(b) adds a new subsection to allow a candidate to receive employment remuneration subject to certain conditions.

Clause 102 provides that the amendments contained in this Bill apply to the next election to occur after this Bill becomes law.

The other amendments to the Elections Act will be proclaimed at a later date.