

Part 3: Division 3 – Election Officials Appointment and Authority

Appointment of election officials

- 58.** (1) For the purposes of conducting an election, the local government must appoint a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer.
- (2) The chief election officer must appoint election officials required for the administration and conduct of the election.
- (3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), the chief election officer must appoint the following:
- (a) presiding election officials for election proceedings where the chief election officer is not acting as presiding election official;
 - (b) election officials to act as alternate presiding election officials for election proceedings;
 - (c) election officials required to assist the presiding election official at election proceedings.
- (4) The chief election officer may delegate the authority under subsection (3) (c) to the presiding election official for the election proceedings.
- (5) The chief election officer may appoint peace officers as election officials to assist presiding election officials in fulfilling their duty to maintain peace and order at the election proceedings for which they are responsible.
- (6) If an election official is absent or unable to act, a person appointed as deputy chief election officer or appointed under this section as alternate for the official must perform the duties and has the powers of the official.

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- (7) A candidate, candidate representative or financial agent may not be appointed as an election official.
- (8) Before assuming duties, an election official must make a solemn declaration that the person
 - (a) will faithfully and impartially exercise the powers and perform the duties of the position to which the election official is appointed,
 - (b) has not received and will not accept any inducement
 - (i) to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the position otherwise than impartially and in accordance with this Act, or
 - (ii) to otherwise subvert the election,
 - (c) will preserve the secrecy of the ballot in accordance with section 123 [*voting to be by secret ballot*], and
 - (d) is not and will not become a candidate, candidate representative or financial agent while holding the position of an election official.

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