



A MESSAGE TO CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Federal Election
Monday, October 19, 2015
Rights of Adults under Committeeship to Vote

The *Canada Elections Act* provides that in order to vote in a federal election an individual must be a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older on polling day. The only restriction on eligibility is if an individual is currently serving a sentence of two years or more in a correctional institution.

Being declared incapable is not a disqualification under the *Canada Elections Act*. All Canadian citizens are entitled to vote regardless of their mental capacity. Committees do not have the authority to vote on an adult's behalf.

It is not necessary to register in advance in order to be eligible to vote in person. Individuals can register at the polling station on the day they vote provided they bring appropriate identification.

Individuals must prove both their identity and their current address in order to vote in person. The Elections Canada website contains detailed information on acceptable forms of identification: see <http://www.elections.ca>.

Assistance is also available to voters unable to mark a ballot because of a physical disability or difficulty with reading or writing. More information on accessibility options can also be found at the Elections Canada website.

For more information...

Contact Elections Canada or visit their website, which includes current information to assist voters during an election.

Website:

www.elections.ca

Phone:

1.800.463.6868 (toll free in Canada and the US)

For people who are deaf or hard of hearing: TTY 1.800.361.8935 (toll free in Canada and the US)

Fax:

1.888.524.1444 (toll free in Canada and the US)