

RULES FOR FINANCING & ADVERTISING IN Local Government, District Education Council and Regional Health Authority Elections¹



HOW MUCH CAN I SPEND ON MY CAMPAIGN?

There are **NO** rules requiring candidates to keep track of contributions or expenditures related to their campaign. Candidates are not required to file a financial return at the conclusion of the election.



WHEN CAN I START ADVERTISING?

Candidates may conduct an advertising campaign at any time, and may begin before an election has been called. However, there are rules relating to when and where advertising may be placed.



PRINTED ADVERTISING

All printed election advertisements, signs, posters, and handbills must include the name and address of its printer and publisher on the face of the document. It is an offence to not include this information.



WHERE CAN I PUT MY SIGNS?

On Election Day and on Advance Voting Days, no election advertising or campaign material of any kind may be carried, worn, or placed within thirty metres (100 feet) of the entrance to a polling station.

The Province does not permit advertising signs within the right-of-way of highways or where they cause safety concerns. Some local governments may also have by-laws that limit where or when advertising signs may be placed. Bell Aliant and NB Power ask all candidates to not post advertising signs on utility poles.



WHEN AM I NOT ALLOWED TO ADVERTISE?

Between 12:01 a.m. on the Sunday before Election Day and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, no election speeches, entertainment, or advertising may be broadcast on radio or TV, published in newspapers, or transmitted by computers. Existing websites can remain active, new signs may be placed, and Canada Post can continue to deliver flyers to homes.

On Election Day, no advertising signs may be placed on a moving motor vehicle.



DO I NEED A LIST OF ELECTORS?

Candidates are eligible to purchase the list of electors containing the names and addresses of electors who live in the area in which they are running for election at 2¢ per name.

Prior to receiving the list, the candidate must sign a declaration stating that only they, or persons acting on the candidate's behalf, will use the information for legitimate campaign purposes and that the list will be destroyed after the election.

On Election Day and on Advance Voting Days, candidates and one appointed scrutineer are allowed to use this information in each polling station, or be present to observe voting procedures, as long as they do not engage in any kind of campaigning or interfere with the polling process.



WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

To find out more about becoming a candidate, visit electionsnb.ca and review the information for local government, district education council and regional health authority candidates.

During an election you can also contact the municipal returning officer for your region.

Note 1: This information is summarized for educational purposes and should not be used as legal advice. Please refer to the Elections NB website for additional details.