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Expense Limits for the 2018 General Local Elections Available

Expense limits for the 2018 General Local Elections are now available on the Elections BC website at:

<http://elections.bc.ca/news/media-advisory-expense-limits-for-the-2018-general-local-elections-available/>

“All candidates in the 2018 general local elections have expense limits that apply during the campaign period, September 22, 2018 to October 20, 2018. Each election area and office has its own limit, which is based on the office and population of the election area. These limits apply to the 2018 General Local Elections and all subsequent by-elections.”

Elections BC Guide for Candidates and Financial Agents

At the 2018 BCSTA AGM, Elections BC distributed copies of its *Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in BC for Candidates and their Financial Agents*. You may access an electronic copy of the Guide online [here](#). If you would like to request a hard copy of the *Guide*, please contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or electionsbc@elections.bc.ca.

New Rules for Elector Organizations

On April 27, 2018, the provincial government announced changes to the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* regulations “to ensure that corporate and union donations cannot be used to fund any expenses for elector organization during the year of a general local election.” “Under the previous rules, some operational expenses of elector organizations were not considered election expenses” and this raised the possibility that corporate and union donations could be used to fund election expenses. The amendments to the regulations are targeted at elector organizations that operate on a continuing basis between local elections. The amendments are in effect for the 2018 general local elections. Please contact [Elections BC](#) if you have questions about the recent amendments to the LECFA regulations. The provincial government’s news release about the recent amendments to the LECFA regulations is available online [here](#).

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