

## **Alternative Voting By-law Summary**

### **Notification of Voting Days**

The Returning Officer will announce alternative voting days in a local newspaper.

The notice will:

- Show the days for alternative voting.
- Inform voters about telephone and internet voting options.
- Include any other necessary information.

### **Form of Telephone and Internet Ballots**

Telephone and internet ballots must:

- Clearly state the election title.
- List candidate names alphabetically.
- Instruct voters to "vote for one candidate only" or as specified.

### **Oath**

Any required oath must follow the form in the bylaw or as required by the law.

### **Eligibility to Vote**

Voters can use alternative voting if:

- Their name is on the final list of electors.
- If not on the list, they appear before the Deputy Returning Officer during alternative polling days and swear an oath.

### **Proxy Voting**

Proxy voters cannot use alternative voting.

### **Friend Voting**

A friend can vote for someone unable to vote due to blindness, inability to read, or a physical disability.

Both the elector and friend must appear before the Returning Officer and take prescribed oaths.

Candidates cannot act as friend voters unless related.

The elector and friend must swear oaths ensuring the friend hasn't assisted others, will mark the ballot as requested, and keep the vote secret.

The Returning Officer records reasons, the friend's name, and oath details in the poll book.

### **Voting**

Internet and telephone ballots go into the ballot box.

### **Seal**

If alternative voting ends before regular polling, the system seals the ballot box.

Sealing occurs even if fewer than ten people from a district voted.

### **List of Persons Who Voted**

If alternative voting ends before regular polling, the system generates a list of voters and marks them on the Final List of Electors.

Lists are delivered to the Returning Officer within 24 hours.

### **Counting**

The system counts telephone and internet ballots cast during alternative voting.

Rejected ballots during alternative voting aren't counted.

### **Recount**

In a recount, the system regenerates the count, providing a printed copy to the Returning Officer.

If the initial and regenerated counts match, the regenerated count is final.

### **Secrecy**

Election officers must maintain voting secrecy.

Everyone present at a polling station or vote counting must also maintain secrecy.

### **Other Methods of Voting**

If online voting is allowed, other voting methods are available on advance and ordinary polling days.

### **Severability**

If a court declares any part invalid, the rest remains valid.

### **Prohibitions**

Various actions are prohibited, including using someone else's PIN, interfering with voters, or revealing a voter's choice.

### **Offences and Penalty**

Violations of the bylaw incur penalties.

Fines range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with potential imprisonment.

Penalties consider the number of votes affected and potential interference with the election outcome.

### **Limitation Period and Remission**

Prosecution limit is two years from the offense date or discovery.

Remission of Penalties Act doesn't apply to penalties imposed by this bylaw.