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Changes to the Elections Act receive unanimous support of the Legislative Assembly

WHITEHORSE—Amendments to the *Elections Act* received assent in the Yukon Legislative Assembly today, after being passed unanimously earlier in the week.

"The changes to Yukon's *Elections Act* will help modernize the legislation and make it easier for Yukoners to vote," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "We will now have a more streamlined, clear and consistent experience for voters in Yukon's territorial elections."

The amendments include:

- more accessible and efficient voter registration, including a permanent register of electors;
- initiatives that encourage the participation of youth;
- expanded voting opportunities and a simplified ballot process for electors with special circumstances including absentee voters; and
- enabling the creation of an independent Elections Yukon office.

The legislature's all-party Members' Services Board agreed on the amendments. The majority of the changes stem from recommendations made in the Chief Electoral Officer of Yukon's December 2014 report 'Recommendations for amendments to the Elections Act'.

Elections Yukon is responsible for ensuring members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly are elected through transparent, fair and open elections. Yukon's *Elections Act* sets the rules and processes for territorial elections.

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