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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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*(Assented to , 2001)*

Preamble	<p>WHEREAS the year 2005 marks the centennial of the creation of the Province of Alberta and its entry into Canadian Confederation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Alberta has several official emblems that visually reflect the grandeur and attributes of the Province; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Alberta does not have an official song that would enable people to celebrate the Province in music; and</p> <p>WHEREAS it is appropriate that an official song for Alberta be adopted in time for the centennial celebrations marking the Province of Alberta's entry into Canadian Confederation;</p> <p>THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:</p>
Definitions	<p><b>1</b> In this Act,</p> <p>(a) "Committee" means the Alberta Official Song Committee established under section 2;</p> <p>(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Community Development.</p>
Committee established	<p><b>2</b> The Alberta Official Song Committee is established.</p>

Purposes of  
Committee

**3(1)** The purposes of the Committee are to:

- (a) solicit and review submissions on possible lyrics and music for an official song for Alberta, and
- (b) recommend to the Minister lyrics and music for an official song for Alberta.

**(2)** In performing its duties under subsection (1), the Committee may

- (a) consult with the public in Alberta in any manner it chooses,
- (b) provide information to residents of Alberta on any matter related to the selection of an official song for Alberta,
- (c) arrange for performances of music related to selecting an official song for Alberta,
- (d) establish subcommittees consisting of members of the Committee and other individuals, and
- (e) make rules relating to the conduct of its business and affairs including the quorum at meetings and the procedure to be used at meetings.

Membership  
of Committee

**4(1)** The Committee will consist of not fewer than 11 members and not more than 15 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon recommendation of the Minister.

**(2)** Two members of the Committee must be Members of the Legislative Assembly who are not members of the governing party.

**(3)** Three members of the Committee must be Members of the Legislative Assembly from the governing party who are not members of Executive Council.

**(4)** If there are not enough Members of the Legislative Assembly who are able and willing to be members of the Committee under subsection (2), the resulting vacant positions may be filled by Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the governing party.

**(5)** The remaining members of the Committee must be residents of Alberta who are not Members of the Legislative Assembly.

**(6)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate a member of the Committee appointed under subsection (3) as chair and another as vice-chair, who shall act as chair when there is a vacancy in that office or the chair is unable to act.

**(7)** The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Remuneration  
and expenses

**5(1)** The Minister

- (a)** may prescribe the rates of remuneration payable to members of the Committee other than those who are employees of the Government members or employees of an agency of the Government, and
- (b)** may authorize the payment of travelling and living expenses for members of the Committee and subcommittees while outside their normal place of residence in the course of performing their duties.

**(2)** Members of a subcommittee appointed by the Committee under section 3(2)(d) who are not members of the Committee serve on a voluntary basis and are only eligible to be remunerated for the expenses they incur associated with their service as a member of a subcommittee.

Staff and  
supplies

**6** The Minister shall provide to the Committee and subcommittees the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's supervision and any supplies that they may reasonably require to fulfill their responsibilities and conduct their affairs.

Report

**7(1)** Not later than 18 months after the first members of the Committee are appointed under section 4 or June 30, 2003, whichever occurs first, the Committee must make a final report to the Minister outlining its work and making a recommendation for an official song for Alberta.

**(2)** On receiving a report under subsection (1), the Minister must table the report in the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable if it is sitting or, if it is not sitting, the Minister must make the report public and table the report in the Legislative Assembly within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

**(3)** On the date the Minister receives the Committee's report, the Committee is dissolved.

Approving  
report

**8(1)** When the Minister tables a report in the Legislative Assembly under section 7, a member of Executive Council must introduce a resolution in the Assembly within 20 sitting days concurring with the report and recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council proclaim the lyrics and music recommended by the Committee as the Official Song for Alberta.

**(2)** A proclamation under this section must be issued prior to June 30, 2004.

Expiry

**9** This Act expires July 1, 2004.