



RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Ballot Boxes – MNBC Provincial Elections
Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*
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The rather restricted option of online or mail-in balloting at the recent special election for President of the Métis Nation BC had many Métis members in our and other local communities expressing that they were not computer literate or didn't even have a computer therefore denying them of their right to vote. It should be noted that presently Section 18.1 states that a ballot box shall be provided to a Returning Officer indicating that this option was not allowed in the recent election. The present wording in the *Electoral Act* uses the wording of "may" in relation to how voting can be conducted. This wording is the main issue in causing this affect on the right to vote.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:

- 5.6 *The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Polling Station vote, by Mail-in Ballot, by Online Voting.*
- (a) *Polling Station votes will be mailed by the Returning Officer within a specified time period to a location designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (b) *Mail-in Ballots cast by the Electors will be sent by mail or courier within a specified time period to a location designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (c) *Online voting must be done within a specified time period thru an electronic site designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (d) *Electors must have a choice of all three of the voting options noted in Article 5.6.*