



Province of Alberta
Order in Council

O.C. 160/2026

MAY 28 2026

ORDER IN COUNCIL

Approved and ordered:

Lieutenant Governor
or
Administrator

The Lieutenant Governor in Council orders that a referendum be conducted under the Referendum Act in accordance with the following:

1 the referendum question to be put to the electors, and to which an elector who votes in the referendum must respond by selecting only one option, shall be:

Should Alberta remain a province of Canada, or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?

Option 1: Alberta should remain a province of Canada.

Option 2: The Government of Alberta should commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada.

2 the referendum is to be held separately as a stand-alone referendum on October 19, 2026;

3 the referendum is to be held in the entirety of the Province of Alberta;

4 the result of the referendum is not to be binding;

5 the referendum is not to be conducted by mail-in ballot, which does not prevent advance voting as defined in the Election Act, or voting by a Special Ballot or a Secure Special Ballot as provided for in the Election Act.

For Information only

Recommended by: Minister of Justice

Authority: Referendum Act
(section 5.1)

CHAIR