



ALBERTA REFERENDUM

INFORMATION FOR BIGSTONE CREE NATION MEMBERS

Our rights. Our voices. Our future.

As discussions about Alberta's future continue, the rights and interests of Bigstone Cree Nation must remain part of the conversation. Respect for our inherent rights, Treaty No. 8 rights, lands and future generations must guide the decisions that affect our people.

We encourage eligible members to learn about the referendum questions, consider what is being proposed and make an informed choice.

Before heading to the polls, review the voting requirements and confirm where you can vote.

ADVANCE VOTING: OCTOBER 13–17, 2026

Check Elections Alberta's Where to Vote tool for locations and hours in your electoral division.

REFERENDUM DAY: OCTOBER 19, 2026

Voting hours: 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Vote at your assigned voting location.

Visit elections.ab.ca for accepted identification, registration information and voting locations.

Take time to understand the questions. Make a plan to vote. Have your say.



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Questions 1–5: Immigration, Services and Voting Requirements

These are plain-language summaries. Read the official questions before voting.

For each question, **YES** supports the proposal and **NO** opposes it.

ALBERTA'S ROLE IN IMMIGRATION

Should Alberta have greater control over immigration to reduce immigration levels, prioritize economic immigration and give Albertans first access to new job opportunities?

ACCESS TO PROVINCIALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

Should eligibility for programs such as health care, education and social services be limited to Canadian citizens, permanent residents and people with an Alberta-approved immigration status?

WAITING PERIOD FOR SOCIAL SUPPORTS

Should people with temporary legal immigration status live in Alberta for 12 months before qualifying for provincial social supports? Existing eligibility for citizens and permanent residents would continue. This proposal concerns supports such as subsidies and income assistance, rather than standard health care or schooling.

HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION FEES

Should temporary residents pay fees or premiums for their family's use of public health care and education? Existing eligibility for citizens and permanent residents would continue.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP WHEN VOTING

Should voters be required to provide documentation proving Canadian citizenship to vote in provincial elections?

The results of Questions 1–5 are non-binding. A vote does not itself introduce these proposed laws.



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Questions 6–10: Constitutional Changes and Alberta’s Future

These are plain-language summaries. Read the official questions before voting.

For Questions 6–9, **YES** supports pursuing the proposed constitutional change and **NO** opposes it.

SELECTING JUDGES

Should Alberta work with other willing provinces to change the Constitution so provincial governments select judges for their Courts of King’s Bench and Courts of Appeal, instead of the federal government?

REMOVING THE SENATE

Should Alberta work with other willing provinces to change the Constitution to abolish Canada’s unelected Senate?

WITHDRAWING FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Should Alberta seek a constitutional change allowing provinces to leave federal programs in areas of provincial responsibility while retaining the related federal funding for social programs?

PRIORITY WHEN LAWS CONFLICT

Should Alberta seek a constitutional change giving provincial laws priority over conflicting federal laws in areas of provincial or shared responsibility?

A vote on Questions 6–9 does not itself change the Constitution. Further constitutional processes would be required.

ALBERTA’S FUTURE WITHIN CANADA

This question offers two choices:

OPTION 1: Alberta remains a province of Canada.

OPTION 2: Alberta begins the legal process required to hold a future binding referendum on separation from Canada.

Select one option. This question is non-binding, and choosing Option 2 would not immediately separate Alberta from Canada.

Find the official questions and voter information at elections.ab.ca.



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Alternative ID for On-Reserve Voters

OPTION 3: ATTESTATION FORM — THE MOST USEFUL TOOL FOR ON-RESERVE MEMBERS

Members who live on a First Nation can use a signed attestation form as their ID — no other documents needed.

How it works:

1. The member brings the form to an authorized signatory — for this attestation, that's the Chief, Band Manager, or Membership Coordinators — who completes Section 2.
2. This step happens before voting day and on voting day October 19, 2026. The signatory does not need to come to the polling place with them.
3. The member brings the completed form to their voting station and hands it to the Voting Officer.

This form is available at the Administration Office and will be available on voting day October 19, 2026 at the voting station.

The Attestation Form can be completed at the band office this week October 15-16, 2026.

Contact Membership during business hours (780)891-3836.