

## **Section 48 – Rules of Residence**

In the context of physical residence, the following rules apply to “residence”:

- (1)(a) a person may be a resident of only one place at a time for the purposes of voting under this Act;
  - (a.1) if a person has more than one residence in Alberta, that person shall, in accordance with subsection (1.1), designate one place of residence as the person’s place of residence for the purposes of this Act;
  - (b) the residence of a person is the place where that person lives and sleeps and to which, when the person is absent, the person intends to return;
  - (c) a person does not lose the person’s residence by leaving the person’s home for a temporary purpose;
  - (d) subject to clause (e), a student who
    - (i) attends an educational institution within or outside Alberta,
    - (ii) temporarily rents accommodation for the purpose of attending an educational institution, and
    - (iii) has family members who are resident in Alberta and with whom the student ordinarily resides when not attending an educational institution is deemed to reside with those family members;
  - (e) if a person leaves the area with the intention of making the person’s residence elsewhere, the person loses the person’s residence within the area.
- (1.1) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a.1), a person shall designate the person’s place of residence in accordance with the following factors in the following order of priority:
- (a) the address shown on the person’s driver’s licence or motor vehicle operator’s licence issued by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or an identification card issued by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta;
  - (b) the address to which the person’s income tax correspondence is addressed and delivered;
  - (c) the address to which the person’s mail is addressed and delivered.

Section 48(2) further states that a person who is a resident of a public school district, school division or regional division or of a separate school district, school division or regional division under the *School Act* is deemed to be a resident of the public school district, school division or regional division or the separate school district, school division or regional division, as the case may be, under the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Where a separate school district/division/regional division exists, the residents of that school district/division/regional division (the persons who reside within the boundaries of that district/division/regional division and who are of the same faith as those who established the district/division/regional division) are electors of the separate school district/division/regional division and elect trustees to the separate school board. All others are electors of the public school district/division/regional division and elect trustees to the public board.

Separate and public school jurisdiction boundary maps are available to assist you in determining the boundaries of each jurisdiction. Please call the Business Operations and Stakeholder Support Branch at Alberta Education at 780-427-2055.