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No. 619

An Act to amend *The Election Act, 1996* to provide fairness
and accountability in election fundraising

(Assented to _____)

Preamble

WHEREAS Saskatchewan's election financing laws currently allow for unlimited contributions from corporations and unions;

WHEREAS Saskatchewan's election financing laws currently allow for unlimited contributions from out-of-province donors;

WHEREAS the federal government and the governments of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Québec and Nova Scotia have already banned corporate and union donations to political parties;

WHEREAS Saskatchewan people deserve a democratic system that is free from the influence of corporate, union, and out-of-province donations;

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 *The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act.*

S.S. 1996, c. E-6.01

2 *The Election Act, 1996* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

New Section 239.1

3 **Section 239 is repealed and the following substituted:**

“Eligible Contributions and Form of Contributions

239.1(1) No person shall make a contribution to a registered political party, a candidate, or a constituency association unless that person is a:

- (a) individual who is a resident of the province of Saskatchewan;
- (b) registered political party; or
- (c) constituency association.

(2) In one calendar year, an individual's total combined contributions to registered political parties, candidates, and constituency associations shall not exceed \$1,275.

(3) No person shall make a contribution to a registered political party unless the contribution is paid out of moneys to which that person is beneficially entitled.

(4) No person shall make a payment by or on behalf of a registered political party unless it is by or through the chief official agent of the party.

(5) No person shall make a contribution to a candidate unless the contribution is paid out of moneys to which that person is beneficially entitled.

(6) No person shall make a payment by or on behalf of a candidate unless it is by or through the candidate's business manager.

(7) Subsections (4) to (6) do not apply to any payments made by any person if:

- (i) the liability for the payment was lawfully incurred by that person; and
- (ii) no part of the payment is repayable to that person”.

Section 242 repealed

4 Section 242 is repealed.

Coming into force

5 This Act comes into force on Assent.

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