

A Clear Choice - For Islanders, By Islanders!

Proposed Amendments To Bill 38

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#1 - Shorten Referendum Period (Green Party)

We shortened the referendum period from a maximum of 22 months to a maximum of 8 months. This will allow appropriate time for proper debate and public engagement. This is comparable to BC's 5 month period and lessons learned from Brexit.



#2 - Amend success rate to 50% + 1 of referendum voters (Green Party)

In addition to this amendment, there is another proposal that includes 50% + 1 votes cast on the referendum question and MMP must be selected in 60% or more of our 27 electoral districts (similar to a constitution change).

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#3 & 4 - Add public education on voting systems to Referendum Commissioner's Duties (Green Party)

Accepted. Referendum Commissioner required to report this issue to the Speaker of the Legislature.



#5 & 6 - Amend spending limit from \$500 to \$1000 (Green Party)

We increased the limit for Islanders and volunteer groups from \$500 to \$1000 and made it clear that individuals can come together up to a maximum of \$10,000. There are NO spending limits prior to the referendum period (which is up to 8 months prior to provincial election) being announced.



#7 - Amend section 16(1) to add "referendum period has commenced" (Green Party)

We agree with the content, but because the registration process does not commence until after referendum period commences, it is not necessary.

NOT APPLICABLE

#8 - Amend "registration" to "referendum" in section 17 (Green Party)

Accepted.



#9 - Amend section 26 to reduce penalties (Green Party)

Accepted, the section has been modified to permit "UP TO" \$10,000. This is to keep both sides accountable and fair, and is consistent with British Columbia's Referendum precedent.



*ZERO amendments have been proposed by the Conservative Party.