

Summary of the Enforcement Process SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS ELECTIONS ACT, 2007

- 1. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly appoints a Complaints Officer to enforce compliance with the *Elections Act, 2007* and an Adjudicator to hear complaints referred by the Complaints Officer.
- 2. A complaint about an alleged offence may be made to the Complaints Officer by any person.
- 3. A complaint can be made anytime during the election, but not more than 90 days after the election.
- 4. The Complaints Officer is and independent officer and does not report to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 5. The Complaints Officer is responsible for the investigation of all alleged offences. The Chief Electoral Officer does not investigate alleged offences.
- 6. The Chief Electoral Officer may provide relevant information for the investigation to the Complaints Officer.
- 7. Where justified, the Complaints Officer can refer the complaint to an Adjudicator for a hearing or make an order requiring a Métis citizen to cease an activity or to take an action required by the Act.
- 8. The Adjudicator is and independent officer and does not report to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 9. The Adjudicator can conduct a hearing into any complaint, determine whether a person is guilty of committing an offence and make an order requiring a Métis citizen to cease an activity or to take an action required by the Act.
- 10. The Adjudicator's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the Provincial Métis Counsel or the Legislative Assembly.
- 11. Committing an election offence within the previous 10 years may disqualify a person from being a candidate or an election officer.