

## **VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

Persons entitled to vote for the office of reeve or councillor are the voters of the municipality. [160.12]

A voter is a person who: [160.01]

- Is 18 years old on election day;
- Is a Canadian citizen; and
- Meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - Owns taxable land (includes agreement for sale);
  - Assessed as occupant of exempt land;
  - Assessed with respect to an improvement;
  - Is licensed with respect to property used for business purposes;
  - Holds a permit with respect to a trailer or mobile home;
  - The spouse of any person who meets the any of the above qualifications provided that he or she resides with that person in Saskatchewan but outside the municipality;
  - Has resided in the municipality for at least 6 months; or
  - A Saskatchewan resident who is the chief executive officer of corporation, co-operative or religious association which is assessed for taxable property or licensed with respect to a home-based business.

A person's residence is their home. [160.02]

- A temporary absence does not invalidate a person's residency.
- Residency is not lost while a person is seeking another residence.
- No person has more than one residence in Saskatchewan. If they have more than one home, he or she shall determine which one is their residence.

Each voter is entitled to vote only once for reeve and once for councillor in the division he or she is entitled to vote in, notwithstanding they may meet more than one of the qualifications.

## ***ELECTORAL DIVISION***

The division in which a person qualifies to vote, is determined by:

- The division in which one resides; or
- The division in which one has property, or in situations where property holdings involve multiple divisions, the division in which one's total assessment is the highest;

Voters who do not reside within the RM may provide written notification to the administrator stating in which division they prefer to vote if they have property in two or more divisions. This notification is binding until property is acquired in

some other division.

Where a person has property in one division and his or her spouse has property in another division, either of them may designate one of those divisions as the division in which they wish to vote by providing written notice to the administrator on or before September 1 in any year.

- Both persons are bound by the notice as long as they have property in those same divisions.
- The notice may be amended to select another division; however the amendment does not take effect for at least two years.