

Dissolution of provincial legislatures before expiry of term

109. (1) The Premier of a province must dissolve the provincial legislature if—
- (a) the legislature has adopted a resolution to dissolve with a supporting vote of a majority of its members; and
 - (b) three years have passed since the legislature was elected.
- (2) An Acting Premier must dissolve the provincial legislature if—
- (a) there is a vacancy in the office of Premier; and
 - (b) the legislature fails to elect a new Premier within 30 days after the vacancy occurred.

Sittings and recess periods

110. (1) After an election, the first sitting of a provincial legislature must take place at a time and on a date determined by a judge designated by the Chief Justice, but not more than 14 days after the election result has been declared. A provincial legislature may determine the time and duration of its other sittings and its recess periods.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 8 of the Constitution Sixth Amendment Act of 2001.]

- (2) The Premier of a province may summon the provincial legislature to an extraordinary sitting at any time to conduct special business.
- (3) A provincial legislature may determine where it ordinarily will sit.

Speakers and Deputy Speakers

111. (1) At the first sitting after its election, or when necessary to fill a vacancy, a provincial legislature must elect a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker from among its members.
- (2) A judge designated by the Chief Justice must preside over the election of a Speaker. The Speaker presides over the election of a Deputy Speaker.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 9 of the Constitution Sixth Amendment Act of 2001.]

- (3) The procedure set out in Part A of Schedule 3 applies to the election of Speakers and Deputy Speakers.
- (4) A provincial legislature may remove its Speaker or Deputy Speaker from office by resolution. A majority of the members of the legislature must be present when the resolution is adopted.
- (5) In terms of its rules and orders, a provincial legislature may elect from among its members other presiding officers to assist the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.