



SECOND REPORT
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
PROCEDURE, PRIVILEGES AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Madam Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers for the First Session of the 61st Legislature.

Your Committee was directed to examine the definition of “recognized party” and your Committee’s Report contains the resulting recommendations for amendments to the Standing Rules.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Kate Wilcott, MLA
Chair

On November 20, 2024, the Legislative Assembly adopted Motion 2, which directed your Committee to examine the definition of “recognized party” in the Standing Rules.

Your Committee met on March 18 and 25, 2025, and examined the relevant practices and procedures in New Brunswick and other jurisdictions.

Following deliberations, your Committee agreed to recommend amendments to the Standing Rules concerning the definition of, and rights conferred by, recognized party status.

Amendments to the Standing Rules

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following amendments to the Standing Rules:

1 *Standing Rule 1 is amended by repealing the definition “recognized party” and substituting the following:*

“recognized party” means any registered party that

- (a) elects two Members or receives twenty percent of the vote at a general election; and
- (b) has officially nominated candidates in seventy-five percent of the electoral districts;

2 *Standing Rule 40.1 is amended by repealing subrule (3) and substituting the following:*

40.1(3) Members shall be recognized as follows: the Official Opposition first, followed by other recognized parties in order of the size of their membership in the House and finally the Government and then in rotation, ensuring that the frequency of recognition is proportional to each recognized party’s total number of Private Members, until the time provided in subrule (2) has expired.

3 *Standing Rule 104 is amended by repealing paragraphs (1)(e) and (f) and substituting the following:*

- (e) two members from the party forming the Official Opposition, nominated by that caucus;
- (f) one member from each recognized party, not already represented on the Committee, nominated by each respective caucus.