

10. (1) The electoral officer shall prepare a statement in triplicate showing the total number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of rejected ballots and the names of the candidates duly declared elected.

(2) One copy of such statement shall be forwarded to the Director, one to the Regional Supervisor or the Indian Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and one copy filed in the Agency Office.

(3) The statement shall be signed by the electoral officer and such of the candidates or their agents as are present and desire to sign it.

Disposition of ballot papers

11. The electoral officer shall deposit all ballot papers in sealed envelopes with the Superintendent, who shall retain them in his possession for eight weeks, and unless otherwise directed by the Minister or by a person authorized by him shall then destroy the ballot papers in the presence of two witnesses who shall make a declaration that they witnessed the destruction of them.

Election appeals

12. (1) Within thirty days after an election any candidate at the election or any elector who gave or tendered his vote at the election who has reasonable grounds for believing that

- (a) there was corrupt practice in connection with the election;
- (b) there was a violation of the Act or these regulations that might have affected the result of the election; or
- (c) a person nominated to be a candidate in the election was ineligible to be a candidate,

may lodge an appeal by forwarding by registered mail to the Director particulars thereof duly verified by affidavit.

(2) Where an appeal is received by the Director pursuant to subsection one, the Director shall within seven days of the receipt of the appeal forward a copy of the appeal together with all supporting documents by registered mail to the electoral officer and to each candidate in the electoral section.

(3) Any candidate may within fourteen days of the receipt of the copy of the appeal forward to the Director by registered mail a written answer to the particulars set out in the appeal together with any supporting documents relating thereto duly verified by affidavit.

(4) All particulars and documents filed in accordance with the provisions of this section shall constitute and form the record.

13. (1) The Minister may, if the material that has been filed is not adequate for deciding the validity of the election complained of, conduct such further investigation into the matter as he deems necessary, in such manner as he deems expedient.

(2) Such investigation may be held by the Minister or by any person designated by the Minister for the purpose.

(3) Where the Minister designates a person to hold such an investigation, such person shall submit a detailed report of the investigation to the Minister for his consideration.