

(h) Graphs and like material will not be considered animation, provided there is at least a 1-second (24 frame) pause between each addition to or subtraction from the graph. An addition must remain stationary in relation to the camera once it has been placed on the graph.

2. Blackout Periods

The Broadcasting Act directs that, "No licensee shall broadcast a program, advertisement or announcement of a partisan political character on any day that an election is held for the election of a member of the House of Commons, the Legislature of a Province, or the Council of a Municipal Corporation, or in the two days immediately preceding any such day".

The Board of Broadcast Governors notes that:

The prohibition of political broadcasting on election day and the two days immediately preceding it has been held to apply only to the election day immediately concerned. For instance, if polling for a provincial general election is being held on the 10th of the month, and polling for a federal by-election on the 15th, political broadcasts on behalf of the federal candidates may take place on the 8th, 9th and 10th, but in such cases it is the responsibility of the station management to ensure that candidates make no reference to purely provincial matters or to persons concerned in the provincial election.

During the three prohibited days up to the closing of the polls, no political program, advertisement or announcement of a partisan political character may be broadcast.

3. Identification of Sponsor or Party

The Broadcasting Act directs that, "A licensee shall, immediately preceding and immediately after broadcasting a program, advertisement or announcement of a partisan political character, identify the sponsor and the political party, if any, upon whose advice the program, advertisement or announcement was broadcast".

4. Equitable Allocation of Time

The BBG Radio Broadcasting Stations Regulations make the following important provision:

Regulation 6. Each station shall allocate time for the broadcasting of programs, advertisements or announcements of a partisan political character on an equitable basis to all parties and rival candidates.

Regulation 7 of the BBG Radio (TV) Broadcasting Regulations reads as follows:

7.(1) Each station shall allocate time for the broadcasting of programs, advertisement, or announcements of a partisan political character on an equitable basis to all parties and rival candidates.

7.(2) Political programs, advertisements or announcements shall be broadcast by stations in accordance with the directions of the Board issued from time to time respecting: (a) the proportion of time which may be devoted to the broadcasting of programs, advertisements or announcements of a partisan political character, and (b) the assignment of time to all political parties and rival candidates.

(These regulations should be read in conjunction with policies concerning free time and paid political broadcasting contained in Sections II, III, and IV immediately following, and the attached Appendix A.)