

The mandate of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform is outlined in the Order-in-Council: *Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Terms of Reference*.

The *Terms of Reference* which speak most directly to the Assembly's mandate are the following:

1. *The Citizens' Assembly must assess models for electing Members of the Legislative Assembly and issue a report recommending whether the current model for these elections should be retained or another model should be adopted.*
2. *In carrying out the assessment described in section 1, the Citizens' Assembly must consult with British Columbians and provide British Columbians with the opportunity to make submissions to the Citizens' Assembly in writing, and orally at public meetings.*
3. *If the Citizens' Assembly recommends under section 1 the adoption of a model for electing Members of the Legislative Assembly that is different from the current model,*
 - a. *the model must be consistent with both the Constitution of Canada and the Westminster parliamentary system; and*
 - b. *the model must be described clearly and in detail in its report.*
4. *The assessment described in section 1 must*
 - a. *be limited to the manner by which voters' ballots are translated into elected members; and*
 - b. *take into account the potential effect of its recommended model on the government, the Legislative Assembly and the political parties.*

In addition, the *Terms of Reference* speak to the Assembly's responsibility to produce a report on its final recommendation.

10. *The Citizens' Assembly must present its final version of the report described in section 1 to the Attorney-General no later than December 15, 2004, for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.*
11. *On presentation of the final version of the report to the Attorney General, the chair may arrange for the publication of the report.*