

- (3) For certainty, Division 18 [*Election Offences*] of Part 3 applies in relation to assent voting.

### **How assent of the electors is obtained**

- 171** (1) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, assent of the electors to a bylaw or other matter is obtained only if a majority of the votes counted as valid are in favour of the bylaw or question.
- (2) If a bylaw that requires the assent of the electors does not receive that assent, a bylaw for the same purpose may not be submitted to the electors within a period of 6 months from the last submission except with the minister's approval.

## **Division 2 — Proceedings for Assent Voting**

### **Who may vote at assent voting**

- 172** (1) In order to vote at assent voting, a person must meet both of the following requirements:
- (a) the person must meet the qualifications of section 65 as a resident elector, or section 66 as a non-resident property elector, in relation to the voting area for which the assent voting is to be conducted;
  - (b) the person must be registered in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) To vote at assent voting, a person must
- (a) be registered, on or before the date established under subsection (4)
    - (a) if applicable, as an elector of the municipality or electoral area to which the person's qualifications referred to in subsection (1) (a) relate, or
    - (b) register immediately before voting,
      - (i) as an elector of the municipality or electoral area to which the person's qualifications referred to in subsection (1) (a) relate, or
      - (ii) as an elector for the purposes of the assent voting only.
- (3) Registration referred to in subsection (2) (b) (ii) is effective only for the assent voting being conducted at that time.
- (4) If assent voting is not being held at the same time as an election for a municipality or electoral area in which the assent voting is to be conducted and advance registration for the municipality or electoral area is available under section 71,
- (a) the chief election officer must establish a date after which registration as an elector of the municipality or electoral area will not entitle the person to vote at the assent voting and the person must instead register under subsection (2) (b) of this section in order to vote, and
  - (b) the following sections do not apply to the municipality or electoral area in relation to the assent voting: