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ENUMERATION OF VOTERS GETS UNDERWAY FOR PROVINCIAL ELECTION, OCTOBER 4, 2011

Enumeration begins today for Manitoba's 40th general election. With Manitoba's new set date elections (the first Tuesday of October, every four years), the enumeration period will begin earlier and last longer than in past years.

Beginning today, approximately 3,000 enumerators in the province's 57 electoral divisions will begin going door-to-door to collect the names of eligible voters for the voters list. Enumerators can be identified by their yellow Elections Manitoba vest and photo ID.

Manitoba residents are eligible to vote if they:

- are Canadian citizens;
- are at least 18 years of age on or before election day; and
- have resided in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day.

Between now and August 22, enumerators will visit each residence, more than once if necessary, in an effort to obtain information for the voters list. Enumerators will request the names and phone numbers of all eligible voters in the household. (Voters are not required to provide phone numbers if they do not wish to do so.) This information, compiled for use during the election, will also be given to the candidates and registered political parties.

If no one is home, the enumerator will leave a card that explains how eligible voters can have their name(s) added to the list. Having their name on the voters list makes it easier for Manitobans to vote.

As required by Manitoba's *Elections Act*, eligible voters are identified through enumeration. The voters list is essential for administering the election.

Landlords are reminded that the law requires them to provide enumerators access to apartment buildings and condominiums.

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NOTE TO MEDIA:

The Elections Manitoba website contains extensive information about current and past elections. It contains information of interest to media, voters, and political participants and will be updated regularly throughout the election period. Visit the site at www.electionsmanitoba.ca