

RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF THE *STANDING ORDERS*

Standing Order 97 – Application for Private Bills.

97. Any person may apply for a Private Bill by filing with the Clerk of the House not later than 14 days after the opening of a Session:

- (a) a petition in the form prescribed by Appendix A,
- (b) 200 copies of the Bill,
- (c) a fee of \$500,
- (d) a copy of the Notice published,
- (e) the authority of the agent or attorney in fact of the applicant, and
- (f) the name of the Member sponsoring the Bill.

Standing Order 98 – Notice of application for Private Bill to be advertised.

98. (1) The applicant for a Private Bill shall publish a Notice stating clearly the nature and objects of the proposed Act and the name and address of the applicant,

- (a) in 2 issues of *The British Columbia Gazette*, and
- (b) once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area where reside the parties or the majority of the parties likely to be particularly interested in, and affected by, the proposed Act.

(2) At least one of the Notices must have been published at the time of filing the application.

(3) Publication of the Notices shall be verified by an affidavit or statutory declaration which shall be filed with the Law Clerk, before First Reading of the Bill.

APPENDIX A - FORM OF PETITION (For Private Bill or Other Purposes)

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, _____, of the _____, states that: [*here state the object of the petition, briefly setting forth the reasons therefor*].

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House [*take such action as may be deemed appropriate.*]

Dated _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Signatures)

APPENDIX B - PRIVATE BILLS

1. (a) When all requirements for an application for a Private Bill have been met, the Law Clerk will so certify and the Bill will be placed on Orders of the Day for Introduction and First Reading.
(b) If all the requirements have not been met, the Law Clerk will place the application before the Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills. The Committee will then determine if and when and upon what conditions (if any) the Bill will be placed on the Order Paper for Introduction and First Reading.
2. After the Bill has obtained its first reading, without further order it stands referred to and in charge of the Committee.
3. When the Committee favourably reports upon the Bill, the Bill will automatically be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on the day following the report.