

# Premier Stelmach Takes Over Intergovernmental Relations Ministry

Premier Ed Stelmach will take over the [Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations](#) following the resignation of minister Ron Stevens, who was also Deputy Premier.<sup>[1]</sup> The Premier stated he will not appoint a new Deputy Premier until after the end of the spring legislative session, sometime in mid-June.<sup>[2]</sup>

Ron Stevens, former MLA for Calgary-Glenmore, was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on May 20, 2009 by Attorney General of Canada Rob Nicholson.<sup>[3]</sup> The federal government appoints judges of provincial superior courts under [section 96](#) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*.<sup>[4]</sup>

A by-election for Calgary-Glenmore has not yet been set, but Premier Stelmach said that the seat will be filled in time for the opening of the fall legislative session in October, indicating a late summer by-election.<sup>[5]</sup>

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<sup>[1]</sup> Don Braid, "Stelmach to take over Stevens' duties as minister" *Calgary Herald* (20 May 2009).

<sup>[2]</sup> "Byelection before summer's end" *Edmonton Journal* (21 May 2009).

<sup>[3]</sup> Office of the Minister of Justice, "Alberta Judicial Appointments Announced" *Department of Justice* (20 May 2009).

<sup>[4]</sup> [Constitution Act, 1867](#), s. 96.

<sup>[5]</sup> *Supra* note 2.