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## SCHEDULE B

### CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982

#### PART I

##### CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

###### *Official Languages of Canada*

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- 16 (1) English and French are the official languages of Canada and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and government of Canada.
- (2) English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the legislature and government of New Brunswick.
- (3) Nothing in this Charter limits the authority of Parliament or a legislature to advance the equality of status or use of English and French.

###### *Proceedings of Parliament*

- 17 (1) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of Parliament.
- (2) Everyone has the right to use English or French in any debates and other proceedings of the legislature of New Brunswick.

###### *Parliamentary statutes and records*

- 18 (1) The statutes, records and journals of Parliament shall be printed and published in English and French and both language versions are equally authoritative.
- (2) The statutes, records and journals of the legislature of New Brunswick shall be printed and published in English and French and both language versions are equally authoritative.

###### *Proceedings in courts established by Parliament*

- 19 (1) Either English or French may be used by any person in, or in any pleading in or process issuing from, any court established by Parliament.
- (2) Either English or French may be used by any person in, or in any pleading in or process issuing from, any court of New Brunswick.

###### *Communications by public with federal institutions*

- 20 (1) Any member of the public in Canada has the right to communicate with, and to receive available services from, any head or central office of an institution of the

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Parliament or government of Canada in English or French, and has the same right with respect to any other office of any such institution where

- (a) there is a significant demand for communications with and services from that office in such language; or
  - (b) due to the nature of the office, it is reasonable that communications with and services from that office be available in both English and French.
- (2) Any member of the public in New Brunswick has the right to communicate with, and to receive available services from, any office of an institution of the legislature or government of New Brunswick in English or French.

*Continuation of existing constitutional provisions*

- 21 Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any right, privilege or obligation with respect to the English and French languages, or either of them, that exists or is continued by virtue of any other provision of the Constitution of Canada.

*Rights and privileges preserved*

- 22 Nothing in sections 16 to 20 abrogates or derogates from any legal or customary right or privilege acquired or enjoyed either before or after the coming into force of this Charter with respect to any language that is not English or French.

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