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(5) If in an enactment a time is expressed to begin or end at, on or with a specified day or to continue to or until a specified day, the time includes that day.

(6) If in an enactment a time is expressed to begin after or to be from a specified day, the time does not include that day.

(7) If an enactment provides that anything is to be done within a time after, from, of or before a specified day, the time does not include that day.

(8) If an enactment contains a reference to a period of time consisting of a number of months after or before a specified day, the number of months shall be counted from, but not so as to include, the month in which the specified day falls, and the period shall be reckoned as being limited by and including

- (a) the day immediately after or before the specified day, according as the period follows or precedes the specified day, and
- (b) the day in the last month so counted having the same calendar number as the specified day, but if that last month has no day with the same calendar number, then the last day of that month.

(9) For the purpose of construing a reference in an enactment to a specified age expressed as a number of years, a person is deemed to have attained the specified age at the beginning of the relevant anniversary of the day of the person's birth.

RSA 1980 cI-7 s22

#### **Presumption of service**

**23(1)** If an enactment authorizes or requires a document to be sent, given or served by mail and the document is properly addressed and sent by prepaid mail other than double registered or certified mail, unless the contrary is proved the service shall be presumed to be effected

- (a) 7 days from the date of mailing if the document is mailed in Alberta to an address in Alberta, or
- (b) subject to clause (a), 14 days from the date of mailing if the document is mailed in Canada to an address in Canada.

**(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply if

- (a) the document is returned to the sender other than by the addressee, or

- (b) the document was not received by the addressee, the proof of which lies on the addressee.

1981 c50 s3

**Registered, certified mail**

**24** A reference in an enactment to double registered mail, single registered mail, registered mail or certified mail includes any form of mail for which the addressee or a person on behalf of the addressee is required to acknowledge receipt of the mail by providing a signature.

1999 c32 s10

**Ancillary powers**

**25(1)** If in an enactment anything is required or authorized to be done by or before a justice of the peace or public officer, it shall be done by or before one whose jurisdiction or powers extend to the place where the thing is to be done.

**(2)** If in an enactment power is given to a person to do or enforce the doing of any act or thing, all other powers that are necessary to enable the person to do or enforce the doing of the act or thing are deemed to be given also.

**(3)** If in an enactment a power is conferred or a duty imposed, the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed from time to time as occasion requires.

**(4)** If in an enactment a power is conferred to make regulations, the power shall be construed as including a power exercisable in a similar manner, and subject to a similar consent and conditions, if any, to repeal or amend the regulations and to make others.

**(5)** If in an enactment the doing of an act that is expressly authorized is dependent on the doing of any other act by the Lieutenant Governor in Council or by a public officer, the Lieutenant Governor in Council or public officer, as the case may be, has the power to do that other act.

RSA 1980 cl-7 s23

**Use of forms and words**

**26(1)** When a form is prescribed by or under an enactment, deviations from it not affecting the substance and not calculated to mislead do not invalidate the form used.

**(2)** In an enactment, words importing male persons include female persons, words importing female persons include male persons and words importing either sex include corporations.