



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 191

**An Act to amend the Act respecting
the National Assembly to prescribe
the publication of information on the
use of the amounts granted to
Members in the performance of their
duties**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to prescribe the publication of certain information on the use of the amounts granted to Members in the performance of their duties.

To that end, the bill amends the Act respecting the National Assembly to provide that the President of the National Assembly must publish a report on the Assembly's website for each Member on the expenses incurred by the Member during a fiscal year. The report must contain the amount of expenses incurred by the Member for each of the expense categories set out in the Act.

The bill also provides that the President must publish such a report for the expenses incurred for research and support purposes during a fiscal year for each political party represented in the Assembly and each independent Member.

Lastly, the bill sets out that the Office of the National Assembly may, by regulation, prescribe presentation standards for expense reports as well as the inclusion in such reports of any other information on the expenses incurred by Members in the performance of their duties, by House officers for the administration of their respective offices, and by political parties represented in the Assembly and independent Members for research and support purposes.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO PRESCRIBE THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON THE USE OF THE AMOUNTS GRANTED TO MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this Act is to prescribe the publication of certain information on the use of the amounts granted to Members in the performance of their duties.

ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

2. The Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 114:

“114.1. Not later than 30 April each year, the President shall publish a report on the website of the Assembly for each Member on the expenses incurred by the Member during the previous fiscal year. The report must contain

(1) the amount of travel expenses incurred by the Member under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 104;

(2) the amount of the transportation allowance paid to the Member;

(3) the amount of expenses incurred by the Member for the rental of premises to receive electors and for the administration of the Member's offices;

(4) the amount paid as salary or wages to the Member's staff;

(5) the amount of expenses incurred by the Member for professional services;

(6) the amount of expenses incurred by the Member for lodgings;

(7) the amount of the cost incurred by the Member to purchase or lease property or services for communications;

(8) the amount paid to the Member as an attendance allowance;

(9) the amount of expenses incurred for the orderly administration of the office of a Member who is one of the persons referred to in section 124.1; and

(10) the amount paid as salary or wages to the office staff of a Member who is one of the persons referred to in section 124.1.

The President shall also publish a report on the website of the Assembly for each political party represented in the Assembly following the last general election and each independent Member on the expenses incurred for research and support purposes during the previous fiscal year. The report must contain

(1) the amount of expenses incurred by each party represented in the Assembly and by each independent Member for research and support purposes during the previous fiscal year; and

(2) the amount paid as salary or wages to the staff hired to assist the party or the Member for research and support purposes.

The Office may, by regulation, prescribe presentation standards for expense reports as well as the inclusion in such reports of any other information on the expenses incurred by Members in the performance of their duties, by persons referred to in section 124.1 for the administration of an office, and by political parties represented in the Assembly and independent Members for research and support purposes.”

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

3. The publication requirement set out in section 114.1 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1) applies only to information on the expenses incurred as of the 42nd Legislature.

4. This Act comes into force on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)*.