



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 593

**An Act to change the minimum age
required to be a qualified elector**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to change the minimum age required to be a qualified elector to 16.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2);
- Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3);
- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

1. Section 47 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2) is amended by replacing “of full age” in the introductory clause by “16 years of age or over”.

2. Section 52 of the Act is amended by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

“A person who is not an elector of the municipality when voting at an advance poll solely because that person is not yet 16 years of age, but who will have reached the age of 16 by polling day, is deemed to be an elector of the municipality.”

3. Section 54 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The same applies to a person who, on that date, is not an elector solely because that person is not yet 16 years of age, but will have reached the age of 16 by polling day. For the purposes of any other provision relating to entry on the list of electors, a person in that situation is deemed to be an elector on the date provided for in the first paragraph.”

4. Section 100 of the Act is amended by replacing “of full age” in subparagraph 1 of the fifth paragraph by “16 years of age or over”.

5. Section 518 of the Act is amended by replacing “of full age” in the second paragraph by “16 years of age or over”.

6. Section 528 of the Act is amended by replacing “of full age” in the second paragraph by “16 years of age or over”.

ACT RESPECTING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

7. Section 12 of the Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3) is amended by replacing “attained 18” in paragraph 1 by “reached 16”.

ELECTION ACT

8. Section 1 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended by replacing “attained 18” in paragraph 1 of the first paragraph by “reached 16”.

9. Section 40.7 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing “of full age” by “16 years of age or over”;

(2) by replacing “18” by “16”;

(3) by replacing “eighteenth” by “sixteenth”.

10. Sections 40.8 and 40.9 of the Act are amended by replacing all occurrences of “of full age” by “16 years of age or over”.

11. Sections 40.9.1 and 40.24 of the Act are amended by replacing all occurrences of “18” by “16”.

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