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Bill 794

**An Act to amend the Act respecting  
the Institut de la statistique du  
Québec to facilitate the production  
and circulation of statistical  
information**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Madam Catherine Fournier  
Member for Marie-Victorin**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec to facilitate the production and circulation of statistical information among government departments and bodies.*

*As the central authority for the dissemination of statistical information for government departments and bodies, to promote their transparency and efficiency, the Institut de la statistique du Québec must take the necessary measures to ensure the information's production, use and widespread circulation among the government departments and bodies.*

*The bill stipulates that the Government shall appoint a chief statistician, who manages the Institut de la statistique du Québec, performs the duties formerly assigned to the director general and is chosen following a selection process established by the Government. The chief statistician's remuneration, indemnities and other conditions of employment are those of a deputy minister.*

*In addition to the duties assigned to the chief statistician under this bill, all government departments and bodies must, at the chief statistician's request, provide any information that the latter requires and that is necessary for the application of the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec.*

*Lastly, the director general of the Institut de la statistique du Québec in office on the date of coming into force of this Act continues his term as chief statistician for the time and on the conditions set out in the director general's deed of appointment, as if he had been appointed in accordance with the provisions of this bill.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:**

– Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec (chapter I-13.011).

## Bill 794

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING THE INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC TO FACILITATE THE PRODUCTION AND CIRCULATION OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING THE INSTITUT DE LA STATISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC

**1.** Section 2 of the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec (chapter I-13.011) is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“The Institut shall be the central authority for the dissemination of statistical information for government departments and bodies. The Institut shall, for that purpose, and to promote the government departments’ and bodies’ transparency and efficiency, among other things, collect all relevant statistical information and take the necessary measures to ensure the information’s production, use and widespread circulation among the government departments and bodies.

The Institut shall be responsible for the carrying out of statistical surveys of general interest.”

**2.** Section 5 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out subparagraph 4;

(2) by inserting “to promote the government departments’ and bodies’ transparency and efficiency and, among other things, permit better use and more widespread circulation of statistical information among the government departments and bodies” after “necessary tools” in subparagraph 7.

**3.** The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 5:

**“5.1.** Any government department or body must, at the request of the chief statistician, furnish any information that the chief statistician requires and that is necessary for the application of this Act.

The chief statistician may also, for the same purposes, within the time and in the form he indicates, require the preparation of documents or statistical information.”

**4.** The Act is amended by replacing all occurrences of “director general” by “chief statistician”.

**5.** Section 14 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

**“14.** The Institut shall be managed by a chief statistician appointed by the Government.

The Government appoints a chief statistician from among at least three persons approved by a committee following a selection process established by the Government. The committee shall be composed of at least three members appointed by the Government.

The selection process does not apply to a chief statistician whose term is renewed.”

**6.** Section 17 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

**“17.** The chief statistician’s remuneration is set by the Government and corresponds to the remuneration paid to a deputy minister.

The chief statistician also receives the indemnities to which a deputy minister is entitled and benefits from the other conditions of employment granted to a deputy minister.”

**7.** The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 18:

**“18.1.** The chief statistician has the following duties, in addition to those assigned by the Minister:

(1) decide on the methods and procedures applicable to collecting, compiling, integrating and analyzing government departments’ and bodies’ statistical information;

(2) develop and implement strategies that facilitate the use and circulation of statistical information among government departments and bodies;

(3) prescribe the rules, instructions and requests for information the chief statistician considers necessary for the Institut’s work and operations;

(4) decide on when and how to disseminate the statistical information compiled by the Institut; and

(5) give advice on the objectives pursued by government departments and bodies in the production of statistical information.”

## TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**8.** The director general of the Institut de la statistique du Québec in office on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)* shall continue his term as chief statistician for the time and on the conditions set out in the director general's deed of appointment, as if he had been appointed in accordance with section 14 of the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec (chapter I-13.011), enacted by section 5 of this Act.

The third paragraph of section 14 of the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec, as enacted by section 5 of this Act, does not apply to a director general who, in accordance with the first paragraph, continues his term as chief statistician.

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





