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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 896

**An Act to amend the Election Act to  
encourage parity between women and  
men as candidates of political parties  
in a general election**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Marc Tanguay  
Member for LaFontaine**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Election Act in order to encourage parity between women and men as candidates of political parties in a general election.*

*To do so, the bill provides that, in a general election, an authorized party must ensure that at least 40% of its recognized candidates are women. If a party contravenes this rule, the annual allowance paid to that party is reduced by 25%.*

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

- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

## Bill 896

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION ACT TO ENCOURAGE PARITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN AS CANDIDATES OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN A GENERAL ELECTION

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### ELECTION ACT

**1.** The Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 82:

**“82.0.1.** The amount of the allowance provided for in section 82 is reduced by 25% for an authorized party which contravenes section 259.0.1 by having fewer than 40% women as candidates in a general election.”

**2.** The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 259:

#### “CHAPTER IV.0.1

#### “PARITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN

**“259.0.1.** In a general election, an authorized party must ensure that at least 40% of its recognized candidates are women.”

#### FINAL PROVISION

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

