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Bill 190

**An Act to amend the Election Act in
order to reduce political party spending
and the elector contribution limit**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to limit the annual contribution of individual electors to \$100, which contribution may benefit only one political party, independent Member or independent candidate.

It also limits the annual expenses of an authorized political party to two million dollars.

Lastly, it limits the election expenses of a political party during a general election to four million dollars.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 91 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended by replacing “total of contributions for the benefit of each party, independent Member and independent candidate by the same elector during the same calendar year shall not exceed the amount of \$1,000” by “total contributions by the same elector during the same calendar year may not exceed \$100 and may benefit only one party, independent Member or independent candidate”.

2. Section 93 of the Act is amended by striking out “a cash contribution of less than \$100 or” in the second paragraph.

3. Section 95 of the Act is amended by striking out “of \$100 or more”.

4. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 102:

“**102.1.** The annual expenses of an authorized political party, except election expenses incurred under Title IV of this Act, may not exceed two million dollars.”

5. Section 127.7 of the Act is amended by replacing “\$1,000” in the third paragraph by “\$100”.

6. Section 422.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “second” in the first paragraph by “first”.

7. Section 426 of the Act is amended by replacing the first three paragraphs by the following paragraphs:

“**426.** During a general election, the election expenses of a political party shall be limited so as never to exceed four million dollars.

During a general election, the election expenses of an independent candidate shall be limited so as never to exceed \$25,000.

During a by-election, the election expense limit for each candidate is \$1.20 per elector.”

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