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Bill 24

An Act to amend the Act respecting school elections

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Act respecting school elections in order to set a ceiling on election expenses that may be incurred by authorized candidates running for the office of chair of a school board or any other office of commissioner. It also specifies the starting point of certain time limits for the holding of by-elections.

Furthermore, any vacancy on a council of commissioners occurring more than 12 months before the next general election is to be filled by appointment.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3) is amended by replacing “before the end of the term of the commissioner in whose seat a vacancy has occurred” wherever it appears in sections 199 and 200 by “before the polling day of the next general election and there is a vacancy on the council of commissioners”.

2. Section 206.47 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“206.47. The amount of election expenses incurred by an authorized candidate during an election must not exceed,

(1) for the office of chair of the board, an amount of \$3,780, increased by \$0.30 per person entered on the list of electors of the school board to which is added, where applicable, a supplement of \$0.10 per person entered on that list, if the density of electors per square kilometre is less than one; and

(2) for any other office of commissioner, an amount of \$1,890, increased by \$0.30 per person entered on the list of electors of the electoral division.”

3. Despite section 200 of the Act, any vacancy on the council of commissioners more than 12 months before the polling day of the first general school election following (*insert the date of assent to this Act*) is to be filled by the council of commissioners in the manner set out in the first paragraph of section 199 of the Act, including the case where a polling day set for a by-election falls after (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

In the latter case, the election expenses incurred by an authorized candidate up until (*insert the date of assent to this Act*) are reimbursed in full. The first and fourth paragraphs of section 207 and section 208 of the Act respecting school elections apply to the reimbursement, with the necessary modifications.

4. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*), except section 2, which comes into force on the date to be set by the Government.

