Bill 495

An Act to determine conditions for dissolving the National Assembly before the expiry of a Legislature

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to prevent the Government from making an order to dissolve the National Assembly before the expiry of a Legislature, and to consolidate the holding of fixed-date elections.

Two exceptional cases are provided for in which the National Assembly may be dissolved before the expiry of a Legislature, that is, where a motion to dissolve the Assembly is passed by at least two thirds of the Members of the National Assembly and where a motion calling into question the Assembly’s confidence in the Government is passed in accordance with the Standing Orders of the National Assembly.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

– Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1).
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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 6:

   “6.1. The Government may not make an order to dissolve the National Assembly of Québec before the expiry of a Legislature unless
   
   (1) a motion to that end is passed by at least two thirds of the Members of the National Assembly; or
   
   (2) a motion calling into question the Assembly’s confidence in the Government is passed, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the National Assembly.”

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