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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

## Bill 4

**An Act to ratify the Agreement relating to the concept of parliamentary group, to the conduct of proceedings in the Assembly and in parliamentary committees as well as to budgetary aspects for the duration of the 42nd Legislature**

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### Introduction

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The purpose of this bill is to ratify the Agreement relating to the concept of parliamentary group, to the conduct of proceedings in the Assembly and in parliamentary committees as well as to budgetary aspects for the duration of the 42nd Legislature.*

*The bill modifies the composition of the Office of the National Assembly for the duration of the 42nd Legislature to include, in addition to the President of the National Assembly, six members from the Government party, three from the Official Opposition party and one from each of the other opposition parties represented in the National Assembly following the 1 October 2018 general election.*

*The bill also modifies, for the same duration, the conditions for opposition parties other than the Official Opposition party to be entitled to the parliamentary offices of Leader and House Leader; thus granting that possibility to all the parties represented in the National Assembly following the last general election.*

*Lastly, the bill empowers the Office of the National Assembly to make any regulation necessary to implement these changes; such a regulation may be retroactive to the date of the beginning of the 42nd Legislature.*

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

- Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1);
- Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-52.1).

## **Bill 4**

### **AN ACT TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CONCEPT OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, TO THE CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES AS WELL AS TO BUDGETARY ASPECTS FOR THE DURATION OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE**

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**1.** Section 87 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the duration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, the first paragraph is amended by replacing “nine” by “eleven”.”

**2.** Section 88 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the duration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, the first paragraph is amended

(1) by replacing “five” in paragraph 1 by “six”;

(2) by replacing paragraph 2 by the following paragraph:

“(2) three from the Official Opposition party and one from each of the other opposition parties represented in the Assembly following the 1 October 2018 general election.”

**3.** Section 97 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the duration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, the first paragraph is amended by replacing “Five” by “Six”.”

**4.** Section 124.1 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the duration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, the first paragraph is amended by replacing “, the Chief Official Opposition Whip and the Whip of a party contemplated in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 7 of the said Act,” by “and the Chief Official Opposition Whip”.”

ACT RESPECTING THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE PENSION PLAN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**5.** Section 7 of the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-52.1) is amended by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

“For the duration of the 42nd Legislature, the first paragraph is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 6 by the following subparagraph:

“(6) any Member, other than the Member contemplated in subparagraph 4, who leads an opposition party represented in the Assembly following the 1 October 2018 general election shall receive on an annual basis an indemnity equal to 35% of the annual indemnity;”;

(2) by striking out “Whip of a party contemplated in paragraph 6,” in subparagraph 11.”

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**6.** For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 88 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1), as amended by section 2, the additional members and substitute members must be designated not later than (*insert the date that is 10 days after the date of assent to this Act*).

If a list of Members has already been adopted in accordance with section 91 of the Act respecting the National Assembly at the time the additional members and substitute members are designated, the President of the National Assembly submits the list of those additional members to the Assembly, which adopts or rejects it as a whole.

**7.** The persons appointed as members of the staff of a Member who holds the position of Leader or House Leader of a party referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 7 of the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-52.1), as amended by section 5, during the period beginning on 10 October 2018 and ending on (*insert the date preceding the date of assent to this Act*), are deemed to have been appointed as members of the Member’s office staff.

**8.** The Office of the National Assembly may make any regulation necessary for the purposes of this Act. Such a regulation may have retroactive effect to any date not prior to 10 October 2018.

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