



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 398

**An Act to proclaim Québec
Democracy Day**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to promote a sense of civic duty and the participation of citizens in public affairs.

To that end, the bill proclaims the third Friday of February of each year Québec Democracy Day and makes it a statutory general holiday provided for in the Act respecting labour standards.

Under the bill, the Members of the National Assembly are to organize, on that day, an assembly to which the citizens of their electoral divisions are invited, for public consultation and accountability purposes.

Lastly, the bill provides that each Member of the National Assembly is to make public a report on the assembly the Member organized, within 30 days after Québec Democracy Day.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Code of ethics and conduct of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-23.1);
- Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1).

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AS the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada adopted the Ninety-Two Resolutions on 21 February 1834, the third Friday of February;

AS the adoption of those resolutions is an important reference point for Québec democracy as a major milestone in the political, national and democratic affirmation of Quebecers;

AS it is essential to maintain the role of democracy within Québec society and to promote a sense of civic duty and the participation of citizens in public affairs;

AS the Members of the National Assembly have an essential role to play in achieving those objectives;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The third Friday of February of each year is proclaimed Québec Democracy Day.
- 2.** That day is dedicated to holding, throughout Québec, assemblies organized by the Members of the National Assembly, for public consultation and accountability purposes.

CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- 3.** The Code of ethics and conduct of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-23.1) is amended by inserting the following sections after section 35:

“35.1. A Member must organize, on the third Friday of February of each year, an assembly to which the citizens of the Member’s electoral division are invited.

“35.2. A Member must make public a report within 30 days after the assembly is held.

The report must include a summary of the assembly and of citizens’ interventions, as well as the main conclusions drawn from them.”

ACT RESPECTING LABOUR STANDARDS

4. Section 60 of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) the third Friday in February;”.

FINAL PROVISION

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