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Bill 22

**An Act to amend the Election Act as
regards the work of the Commission
de la représentation**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr Guy Chevrette
Minister responsible for Electoral Reform**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Election Act to allow the Commission de la représentation to hold public hearings, if it considers it necessary, on the changes it proposes to make to its preliminary report on the determination of the boundaries of the electoral divisions.

The bill provides that the Commission will have an additional period of three months in which to hold those public hearings.

Lastly, the bill specifies that any amendment the Commission de la représentation proposes to make to its preliminary report will be submitted to the Committee on the National Assembly for examination.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Section 24 of the Election Act (R.S.Q., chapter E-3.3) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end :

“For that purpose, the Commission shall, after giving notice thereof, hold public hearings in the various regions of Québec.”

2. The said Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 24 :

“24.1. After holding consultations pursuant to section 24, the Commission may, if it considers it necessary and after giving notice thereof, hold public hearings in one or more of the regions of Québec to hear representations made by the Members of the National Assembly and by interested individuals and organizations concerning one or more of the proposed amendments to its preliminary report.

The Commission shall in that case be granted an additional period of three months after the expiry of the period provided for in section 24.”

3. Section 25 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing “shall be” in the first line of the first paragraph by “and, where applicable, any amendment proposed by the Commission shall be” ;

(2) by replacing “For the purposes of examination of the report” in the first line of the second paragraph by “For the purposes of such examination”.

4. Section 26 of the said Act is amended by inserting “and, where applicable, any proposed amendments referred to in section 25” after “report” in the second line.

5. Section 27 of the said Act is repealed.

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