



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 896

**An Act to amend the Election Act to
encourage parity between women and
men as candidates of political parties
in a general election**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr. Marc Tanguay
Member for LaFontaine**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Election Act in order to encourage parity between women and men as candidates of political parties in a general election.

To do so, the bill provides that, in a general election, an authorized party must ensure that at least 40% of its recognized candidates are women. If a party contravenes this rule, the annual allowance paid to that party is reduced by 25%.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ELECTION ACT

1. The Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 82:

“82.0.1. The amount of the allowance provided for in section 82 is reduced by 25% for an authorized party which contravenes section 259.0.1 by having fewer than 40% women as candidates in a general election.”

2. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 259:

“CHAPTER IV.0.1

“PARITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN

“259.0.1. In a general election, an authorized party must ensure that at least 40% of its recognized candidates are women.”

FINAL PROVISION

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

