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**An Act to facilitate the conduct of the next provincial
general election in the context of the COVID-19
pandemic and to amend the Election Act**

Section 63

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

63. Section 237 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “or using a means of transmission determined by the Chief Electoral Officer and adapted to the latter’s technological environment” at the end;

(2) by inserting the following paragraph at the end:

“The person who has offered himself as a candidate using a means of transmission adapted to the Chief Electoral Officer’s technological environment must keep his nomination paper for one year after filing it.”

adopted

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Section 63

AMENDMENT:

Insert "the original of" after "must keep" in the second paragraph, as amended.

Adopted as is

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Section 5

AMENDMENT:

Replace “the next two general elections” in paragraph 2 by “the next general election”.

adopted

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Section 87

AMENDMENT:

Replace “directeur général des élections,” in the French text by “directeur général des élections”.

adopté

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Section 11.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 11:

11.1 Section 40.12.18 of the Act is repealed.

Adopted

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Section 53

AMENDMENT:

Insert after paragraph 1:

(1.1) by replacing “déposée” in the second paragraph in the French text by “produite”;

adopté avec

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Section 67

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

67. Section 245 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “Upon the filing of a nomination paper, the returning officer shall verify whether it appears to meet” in the first paragraph by “The returning officer shall verify whether the nomination paper appears to meet”;

(2) by replacing “the electors supporting the nomination are entered on the list of electors for the electoral division” at the end of the first paragraph by “the names of the electors supporting the nomination are entered on the list of electors for the electoral division and whether the name of the candidate is entered on the list of electors. Where the name of the candidate is not entered on the list of electors, the returning officer may enter it. In such a case, the returning officer has the same powers and duties as those entrusted to a board of revisors for the processing of a request for registration”.

Adopted

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Section 132

AMENDMENT:

Replace paragraph 1 by:

(1) by replacing “he knows the persons whose names appear on the nomination papers, that they signed” in paragraph 4 by “the persons who signed the nomination paper did so”;

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Section 42

AMENDMENT:

Replace “the electors” in proposed section 134 by “citizens”.

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Section 18.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 18:

18.1. Section 68 of the Act is amended by replacing “vérificateur” in the first paragraph in the French text by “auditeur”.

Adopté

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Section 45

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

45. Section 136 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Persons who exercise the function of returning officer or assistant returning officer are chosen from among the qualified electors. The other election officers are chosen from among persons who are at least 16 years of age and meet the criteria set out in subparagraphs 2 to 5 of the first paragraph of section 1.”

adopted

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Section 66

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

66. Section 243 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“243. Each person who collects supporting signatures shall declare under oath, before a commissioner for oaths, any person authorized to administer oaths under section 219 of the Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16) or the returning officer, that the persons who signed the nomination paper did so in his presence and that, to his knowledge, they are electors of that electoral division.

In addition, each person who collects supporting signatures shall certify, on each page of the nomination paper that bears such signatures, that he collected them personally.”

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Section 78.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 78:

78.1 Section 292 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“On receiving the envelope, the Chief Electoral Officer verifies the signature on it. If the signature matches the signature on the request filed under the first paragraph of section 283 or, in the case of a request referred to in the fourth paragraph of that section, on one of the documents accompanying the elector’s request, the Chief Electoral Officer keeps the envelope without opening it.”

adapted

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Section 103

AMENDMENT:

Replace “directeur général des élections,” in the French text by “directeur général des élections”.

Adopté

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Section 105

AMENDMENT:

Replace “may begin at the time prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer” by “may be held in accordance with the conditions prescribed by directive of the Chief Electoral Officer”.

adopted

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Section 92

AMENDMENT:

Replace "33rd day" by "26th day".

Adopted

AM 17
s. 68 (246)

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Section 68

AMENDMENT:

Strike out paragraph 2.

adopted

AM 18
s. 126 (457.7)

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Section 126

AMENDMENT:

Withdraw.

adopted

AM 19
ss. 49, 50, 51, 52 and 60 (181 et al.)

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Sections 49, 50, 51, 52 and 60

AMENDMENT:

Withdraw.

adopted

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Section 21.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 21:

21.1. Section 93.1 of the Act is amended by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph:

“However, for any contribution paid by a Member, the Chief Electoral Officer shall post on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website the city and postal code of the Member’s electoral division office instead of the city and postal code of the Member’s domicile.

For that purpose, a Member

- (1) who pays a contribution for the first time after being elected, or
- (2) whose electoral division office address has changed since the payment of the Member’s last contribution

must send, without delay, the address of the Member’s electoral division office to the Chief Electoral Officer.

In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer shall replace, on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website, the city and postal code of the Member’s domicile by the city and postal code of the Member’s electoral division office for any contribution paid before the Member’s election. For that purpose, the Member must send the address of the Member’s electoral division office to the Chief Electoral Officer who, after receiving it, shall make the change without delay. This paragraph does not apply to a Member whose contributions paid before the Member’s election have already been the subject of such a change on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website.”

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Section 37.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 37:

37.1. Section 127.9 of the Act is amended by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph:

“However, for any contribution paid by a Member, the Chief Electoral Officer shall post on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website the city and postal code of the Member’s electoral division office instead of the city and postal code of the Member’s domicile.

For that purpose, a Member

- (1) who pays a contribution for the first time after being elected, or
- (2) whose electoral division office address has changed since the payment of the Member’s last contribution

must send, without delay, the address of the Member’s electoral division office to the Chief Electoral Officer.

In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer shall replace, on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website, the city and postal code of the Member’s domicile by the city and postal code of the Member’s electoral division office for any contribution paid before the Member’s election. For that purpose, the Member must send the address of the Member’s electoral division office to the Chief Electoral Officer who, after receiving it, shall make the change without delay. This paragraph does not apply to a Member whose contributions paid before the Member’s election have already been the subject of such a change on the Chief Electoral Officer’s website.”

adopted all

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Section 135.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert before section 136:

135.1. As soon as possible after this Act is assented to, the Chief Electoral Officer replaces, on the Chief Electoral Officer's website, the city and postal code of a Member's domicile by the city and postal code of the Member's electoral division office for any contribution the Member has already paid.

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Chapter I, heading, sections 1-3

AMENDMENT:

Withdraw.

adopted

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Chapter II, heading

AMENDMENT:

Withdraw:

**CHAPTER II
PROVISIONS AMENDING THE ELECTION ACT**

adopted

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Title

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Strike out “to facilitate the conduct of the next provincial general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and”.

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Section 137

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

137. This Act comes into force on *(insert the date that is 90 days after the date of assent to this Act)*, except

(1) sections 21.1, 37.1 and 135.1, which come into force on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)*;

(2) sections 12, 48 and 53, paragraph 3 of section 56, sections 57 to 59, 61, 72 and 84, paragraphs 1 and 4 of section 85 and sections 86, 98, 106 and 133, which come into force on the date or dates set by the Government on the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Adopted