

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 26

An Act to amend the Courts of Justice Act to, in particular, give effect to the agreement between the chief judge of the Court of Québec and the Minister of Justice

Introduction

Introduced by Mr. Simon Jolin-Barrette Minister of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Courts of Justice Act by increasing the number of judges who compose the Court of Québec to 333 in fulfillment of an undertaking made in the agreement entered into on 21 April 2023 between the chief judge of the Court of Québec and the Minister of Justice.

The bill also amends that Act to review the manner of financing the Conseil de la magistrature and the framework governing its budget estimates.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT

- **1.** Section 85 of the Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16) is amended by replacing "319" by "333".
- **2.** Section 281.2 of the Act is amended by striking out the second paragraph.
- **3.** Section 282 of the Act is amended by replacing "out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund" by "out of the appropriations voted annually for that purpose by the National Assembly".

FINAL PROVISION

4. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*), except sections 2 and 3, which come into force on 1 April 2024.