



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 496

**An Act to provide a fixed date for the
election of Members of the National
Assembly as of 13 May 2013**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to provide that general elections to elect Members to the National Assembly will be held on a fixed date every four years beginning in 2013, subject to the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly whenever the Lieutenant-Governor sees fit.

The bill also makes a consequential amendment to the Act respecting the National Assembly.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1).

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AS the people of Québec have a deep attachment to democratic principles of government;

AS it is desirable that general elections in Québec be held on a fixed date;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The general election following the dissolution of the thirty-ninth Legislature must be held on 13 May 2013, and every general election after that must be held on the second Monday of the month of May that is four years after the month in which the polling day for the last election fell.
- 2.** It is the responsibility of the Premier of Québec to request the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly in sufficient time to permit the holding of a general election in accordance with section 1.
- 3.** Nothing in this Act affects the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly whenever the Lieutenant-Governor sees fit.
- 4.** Section 6 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is replaced by the following section:

“**6.** A Legislature begins when the Secretary General receives from the chief electoral officer, acting under section 380 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3), the list of candidates declared elected following a general election.”
- 5.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

