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Bill 13

**An Act to amend the Election Act with  
regard to on-campus voting outside a  
voter's electoral division**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Bernard Drainville  
Minister responsible for Democratic Institutions  
and Active Citizenship**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Election Act in order to provide, during general elections, for the establishment by the returning officer of branch offices in the premises of institutions of post-secondary education that meet the criteria set by the Chief Electoral Officer.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:**

- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

## Bill 13

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION ACT WITH REGARD TO ON-CAMPUS VOTING OUTSIDE A VOTER'S ELECTORAL DIVISION

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 132:

**“132.1.** In a general election, the returning officer shall establish branch offices in the premises of the institutions of post-secondary education in the electoral division that meet the criteria set by the Chief Electoral Officer. The addresses of these offices are communicated to the Chief Electoral Officer, to each party authority at the electoral division level and to the public. The second and third paragraphs of section 132 apply to these branch offices.

However, the Chief Electoral Officer may decide, taking into account the polling day, that there will not be any branch offices in any or certain institutions of post-secondary education. The second and third paragraphs of section 490 apply to this decision.”

**2.** Section 305 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end: “The same applies to institutions of post-secondary education with respect to the returning officer’s branch offices.”

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

