



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 65

**An Act respecting enumeration
following the delimitation of
electoral divisions and amending
the Referendum Act**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill provides that the enumeration which was to take place before 15 January 1993 following the delimitation of electoral divisions will take place from 4 to 7 October 1993.

The bill also provides that the enumeration will not take place if a general election is called before 4 October 1993. In addition, if a general election is called for the week in which the enumeration is to take place, the bill provides that the enumeration will be used for the election and that the polling will take place on the sixth Monday following the issue of the order.

The bill also requires the chief electoral officer to prepare, before 28 February 1993, the list of electors for the electoral divisions established by the last delimitation, using the list of electors that was used for the polling of 26 October 1992. The list of electors so prepared would then be used for a general election called before 1 July 1993 and the polling would take place on the sixth Monday following the issue of the order.

Finally, the bill amends the Referendum Act to enable the National Assembly to adjust the amount of the subsidy paid by the Minister of Finance to the national committees in order to take account of the additional number of electors entered on the list of electors used for the polling.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The enumeration which, under the second paragraph of section 40 of the Election Act (R.S.Q., chapter E-3.3), must be held before 15 January 1993 shall be held, in accordance with the first paragraph of that section, from 4 to 7 October 1993.

The enumeration shall not take place if an order for the holding of a general election is issued before 4 October 1993.

2. If an order for the holding of a general election is issued after 3 October 1993 and before 10 October 1993, the enumeration which takes place during that period shall be in lieu of the enumeration for the electoral period and the polling shall take place on the sixth Monday following the issue of the order.

3. Not later than 28 February 1993, the chief electoral officer shall establish the list of electors for the polling subdivisions of each electoral division appearing on the list published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on 15 July 1992 using the list of electors which was used for the polling of 26 October 1992.

If an order for the holding of a general election is issued before 1 July 1993, the list established under the first paragraph shall be used for the revision and the polling shall take place on the sixth Monday following the issue of the order.

4. Section 40 of the Referendum Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-64.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph:

“Where the number of electors entered on the lists of electors is used to fix the amount of the subsidy, the National Assembly may,

not later than 60 days after the polling, adjust the subsidy to take account of the additional number of electors entered on the lists of electors used for the polling. The Minister of Finance shall, within three days after the date on which he is informed of this number, pay the supplementary amount of the subsidy to the official agent of each national committee."

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