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Bill 32

An Act to amend the Hydro-Québec Act

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends certain provisions of the Hydro-Québec Act which concern certain executive officers of Hydro-Québec. It provides in particular for the appointment of a chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer and of a president and chief of operations, as well as for their respective duties.

It also provides that the deputy-minister of Energy and Resources shall henceforth be ex officio a non-voting member of the board of directors.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Hydro-Québec Act (R.S.Q., chapter H-5) is amended by adding, after section 4.1, the following section:

“**4.2** The deputy-minister of Energy and Resources shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the board of directors of the Corporation but shall not have the right to vote.”

2. Section 5 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“**5.** The Government shall appoint, from among the members of the board of directors, a chairman of the board and chief executive officer who shall hold that office on a full-time basis.

The chairman of the board and chief executive officer shall preside at meetings of the board and see to its operations. He shall be responsible for the administration and direction of the Corporation and assume any other responsibilities assigned to him by the board of directors. He shall also be responsible for communications between the Corporation and the Government.”

3. Section 8 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“**8.** The Government shall appoint, from among the members of the board of directors, a president and chief of operations who shall hold that office on a full-time basis.

The president and chief of operations is accountable to the chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

He shall have, as main duty, the responsibility of operations for such activities as may be determined by the board of directors and he shall assume such other responsibilities as may be assigned to him by the chairman and chief executive officer.”

4. Section 9 of the said Act is replaced by the following section

“**9.** The Government shall fix, as the case may be, the salary allowances, indemnities and other conditions of employment of the chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer, the president and chief of operations and the other members of the board of directors, which are paid out of the revenues of the Corporation.”

5. Section 11.2 of the said Act is replaced by the following section

“**11.2** In the case of absence, illness or incapacity to act of the chairman and chief executive officer, the president and chief of operations or a member of the board of directors, the Government may appoint a substitute, who then has the same powers as the person for whom he is substituted.

Until the appointment of a substitute under the preceding paragraph the board of directors may appoint a member of the personnel of the Corporation to exercise all or part of the powers of the chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer or of the president and chief of operations.”

6. The provisions of this Act come into force on the date fixed by the Government.