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Bill 153

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amends the Act respecting the National Assembly so that the part of the sums required for the carrying out of that Act which is required to be voted by the National Assembly be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund. It makes further amendments to the same Act, particularly to supplement the regulatory powers of the Office of the National Assembly.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 41 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is replaced by the following section:

“41. Every person who makes a request to the National Assembly for the passage of a private bill must pay to the Assembly the fees prescribed by regulation.”

2. Section 104 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(5) the cost of purchase or lease of property or services for communications.”;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The Office may, by regulation, in such cases and to such extent as it determines, grant the allowances or the repayment of the expenses and other costs provided for by this section for a period of not over fifteen days, or thirty days in respect of persons contemplated in the first paragraph of section 124.1, from the day on which the Member’s seat becomes vacant or, where the Assembly is dissolved, from polling day.”

3. The said Act is amended by inserting, after section 104, the following sections:

“104.1 The Office shall, by regulation, provide for one or several categories of Members and establish the conditions, scales and modalities of payment to such Members of additional allowances for the same purposes as those paid under section 104.

“104.2 The Office shall, by regulation, establish the conditions, scales and modalities of payment of the expenses connected with the administration of the offices of the persons contemplated in the first paragraph of section 124.1.”

4. Section 108 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing the words “for research purposes” in the second line of the first paragraph by the words “for purposes of research and support”;

(2) by replacing the words “for research purposes” in the second and third lines of the second paragraph by the words “for the purposes of research and support”.

5. Section 125 of the said Act is amended by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following paragraphs:

“Where, during a year, the President foresees that he will be required to exceed the budget estimates, he must prepare supplementary budget estimates and, for that purpose, consult the Office.

Furthermore, the budget estimates and, as the case may be, the supplementary budget estimates must be approved by the Office.”

6. Sections 126 and 127 of the said Act are replaced by the following section:

“[**126.** The sums required for the carrying out of this Act shall be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund.}]”

7. Sections 140, 141, 167 and 169 of the said Act are repealed.

8. This Act comes into force on *(insert here the date of assent to this Act)*, except sections 5 and 6, which have effect from 1 April 1988, and section 1, which will come into force on the date fixed by the Government.