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Bill 104

An Act respecting the Conseil permanent de la jeunesse

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr Robert Bourassa
Prime Minister**



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill provides for the establishment and organization of a council to be called the Conseil permanent de la jeunesse.

The function of the council, which will be composed of eleven members appointed on the recommendation of a body of electors composed of young persons will be to advise the Minister on any matter related to youth. The council will, in particular, give opinions to the Minister, carry out studies, hear requests and provide the public with information on any matter related to the needs and interests of youth.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION I

ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION

1. A council called “the Conseil permanent de la jeunesse” is hereby established.

2. The council shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the Minister responsible for the administration of this Act from among the persons forming part of the body of electors provided for in Division II, in accordance with the provisions therein.

3. After obtaining the opinion of the council, the Minister shall appoint a president from among the members of the council.

4. Two vice-presidents shall be appointed by the members of the council from among themselves.

5. The term of office of the members of the council is two years.

The terms of the members may be renewed consecutively once only.

At the end of their terms, the members remain in office until they are replaced or reappointed.

6. Where a vacancy occurs during the term of office of a member of the council, the Minister shall appoint a substitute for the unexpired portion of the term, after obtaining the opinion of the council.

Absence from a number of meetings determined by the by-laws of internal management of the council constitutes a vacancy in the cases and circumstances indicated therein.

7. The president shall administer the council and direct the staff.

The vice-presidents shall assist the president in the performance of his duties according to their respective attributions as determined by the council.

8. If the president is temporarily unable to act, the Minister may appoint one of the vice-presidents to replace him for as long as he is unable to act.

9. The president and the vice-presidents shall devote their full time to their official duties.

10. The Government shall fix the remuneration, social benefits and other conditions of employment of the president and the vice-presidents.

11. Members of the council other than the president and the vice-presidents shall receive no remuneration. They are, however, entitled, to the extent provided by regulation of the Government, to the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

12. The council may hold its sittings at any place in Québec.

It shall meet at least once every two months.

13. The majority of the members are a quorum at sittings of the council.

In case of an equality of votes, the president has a casting vote.

14. The secretariat of the council shall be in the territory of the Communauté urbaine de Québec at the place determined by the

Government. A notice of the location or of any relocation of the secretariat shall be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

15. The secretary and the other members of the staff of the council shall be appointed and remunerated in accordance with the Public Service Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-3.1.1).

DIVISION II

SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

16. For the purposes of this division, every organization that works with persons who are mainly between 15 and 30 years of age in the sectors of social affairs, education, recreation or labour and that has been incorporated under Part III of the Companies Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-38) for not less than twelve months is a youth organization.

17. A body of electors composed of 40 members appointed by the Government in accordance with this division shall be formed before 1 April 1987 and, after that date, every other year to proceed to the selection of the members of the council.

18. Every person between 15 and 30 years of age who is a Canadian citizen and has been resident in Québec for not less than 12 months may offer himself as a candidate for membership in the body of electors.

19. Every person wishing to offer himself as a candidate shall, within the nomination period determined by regulation of the Government, file a nomination paper in the form prescribed by regulation.

The nomination paper must be accompanied with resolutions supporting the nomination from the boards of directors of not fewer than three youth organizations in at least two different sectors of activities.

20. The Government shall appoint the members of the body of electors from among the qualified candidates, having special regard for the well-balanced representation of the various regions of Québec and the various sectors of activities in which the youth organizations are involved.

21. The members of the body of electors shall, within 30 days after their appointment, recommend members of the body to the Minister for membership on the council.

22. If the body of electors fails to make recommendations to the Minister within the prescribed time, the Minister shall appoint members of the body to membership on the council in the offices that the body has left unfilled.

23. Members of the body of electors shall receive no remuneration. They are, however, entitled, to the extent provided by regulation of the Government, to the reimbursement of reasonable expenses arising from their duties.

24. The Government shall determine, by regulation,

(1) the nomination period during which a person may offer himself as a candidate for membership in the body of electors;

(2) the form and content of the nomination paper and the place and time for filing it;

(3) the procedure by which the body of electors recommends members of the council to the Minister.

DIVISION III

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

25. The function of the council is to advise the Minister on any matter related to youth.

26. In the discharge of its function, the council may

(1) present a formal opinion to the Minister on any matter related to youth that calls for attention or action by the Government, together with its recommendations;

(2) conduct or commission any studies or research it deems advisable or necessary for the discharge of its function;

(3) ask for opinions, and receive and hear requests and suggestions from persons, groups and bodies on matters related to youth;

(4) provide the public with information on any matter related to the needs and interests of youth.

27. The council shall advise the Minister on any matter he submits to it in connection with the needs and interests of youth. It shall also conduct or commission any studies or research at the request of the Minister.

28. The council shall, where further action is required, see that its opinion is taken into account.

29. With the authorization of the Minister, the council may set up special committees to look into special matters related to youth and specify their powers.

With the authorization of the Minister, the committees may consist, in whole or in part, of persons who are not members of the council.

The members of the committees shall receive no remuneration. They are, however, entitled, to the extent provided by regulation of the Government, to the reimbursement of their reasonable expenses arising from their duties.

30. The council shall make by-laws for its internal management. Such by-laws shall be submitted to the Government for approval.

DIVISION IV

REPORT

31. Not later than 31 July each year, the council shall transmit a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year to the Minister.

32. The Minister shall table the report in the National Assembly within 30 days of receiving it if it is in session or, if it is not sitting, within 30 days of the opening of the next session or resumption.

DIVISION V

FINAL PROVISIONS

33. The Prime Minister or the minister designated by the Government is responsible for the administration of this Act.

[[**34.** The sums required for the administration of this Act for the fiscal year 1986-87 shall be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund to the extent determined by the Government.]]

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