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Bill 189

An Act respecting the Fédération des Magasins Co-op

First reading
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill empowers the "Fédération des Magasins Co-op" to choose its president from its board of directors or outside it. The office of president of the federation is separate from that of chairman of the board of directors.

The president's term of office cannot exceed five years; renewed terms are limited to three years. The bill establishes the conditions of his employment and of his retirement.

The president of the federation and the chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors are members ex officio of the executive committee of the federation.

The bill will also allow the federation and the member cooperative associations to substitute the word "Coop" for "Co-op" in their names.

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HER MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Assemblée nationale du Québec, enacts as follows:

1. The board of directors of the Fédération des Magasins Co-op, hereinafter called “the federation”, may choose, even outside the board, a president of the federation who is not the chairman of the board of directors.

The federation’s by-laws shall determine the respective powers and duties of the chairman of the board of directors and of the president of the federation.

Except where the by-laws provide otherwise, if the president of the federation is absent or unable to act, the chairman of the board of directors shall exercise the functions and duties of that office.

2. The term of office of the president of the federation shall not exceed five years and may be fixed by by-law; it is renewable, but no term thus renewed may exceed three years.

As soon as the president of the federation is chosen, he becomes a director *ex officio* for the duration of his term. The seat which he held as an elected director, if such is the case, becomes vacant and the vacancy is filled by the board of directors in accordance with the by-laws.

The board of directors shall fix the remuneration and the other conditions of employment of the president of the federation. Paragraph *f* of section 19 of the Cooperative Associations Act (R.S.Q., c. A-24) applies to the president of the federation.

3. The president of the federation and the chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors are members *ex officio* of the executive committee of the federation.

4. The manager of the federation is called the “general manager”.

The same person shall not hold the offices of president of the federation and of general manager; if the director general is chosen president, he ceases to be general manager.

5. The names of the federation and of each cooperative associations that is a member of it may include the word “Coop” instead of the word “Co-op”.

6. This act comes into force on the day of its sanction.