

FOURTH SESSION
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ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC

Bill 195

An Act to amend the Election Act

First reading

Second reading

Third reading

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to entrust the director general of elections with the duty of appointing the returning officers in the electoral districts.

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

1. Sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Election Act (Revised Statutes, 1964, chapter 7) are replaced by the following sections:

“17. The director general of elections shall appoint a competent person to fill the office of returning-officer in each electoral district.

In the case of the illness, absence or inability to act of the returning-officer, the director general of elections may appoint a substitute for him. Such substitute, after having been sworn, shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the returning-officer.

“18. Whenever the director general of elections revokes, for cause, the appointment of any returning-officer, he may, if he is of opinion that such officer has committed a serious breach of duty, order that he shall not be entitled to any remuneration.

“19. As soon as a returning-officer is appointed, the director general of elections shall give notice of such appointment in the *Gazette officielle du Québec.*”

2. Section 24 of the said act, amended by section 3 of chapter 9 of the statutes of 1975, is again amended by replacing subsection 1 by the following subsection:

“24. (1) Any election officer who refuses or neglects to accomplish any duty or formality assigned to him by this act, or

who acts as canvasser for a candidate, may be removed from office by the the director general of elections if such officer is a returning-officer or a revisor of an urban polling-subdivision, or by the returning-officer if he is an election-clerk, an enumerator, a revisor of a rural subdivision, a deputy returning-officer or a poll-clerk.”

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