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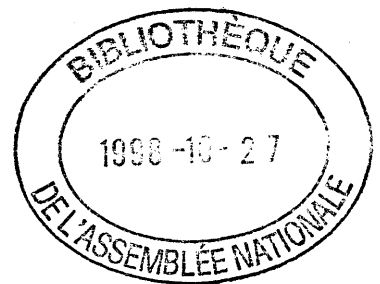
THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 456

An Act to again amend the Act respecting the National Assembly

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr Jacques Brassard
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Parliamentary Reform**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amends the Act respecting the National Assembly to provide that, when there is a vacancy in the office of President of the National Assembly, the President's administrative duties are to be performed by one of the Vice-Presidents.

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AN ACT TO AGAIN AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 96 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is replaced by the following:

“96. If the President is absent, or at the request of the President, the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President designated by the President.

If the President is unable to act or the office of President is vacant, the Vice-President with the longest service as Vice-President during the current legislature or, in the case of equal service in that capacity, the Vice-President having the longest service as Member of the National Assembly or, in the case of equal service in that capacity, the elder of the Vice-Presidents shall replace the President during the time the President is unable to act or the office of President is vacant.”

2. Section 117 of the said Act is replaced by the following:

“117. If the President is absent, or at the request of the President, the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President designated by the President.

If the President is unable to act or the office of President is vacant, the Vice-President with the longest service as Vice-President during the current legislature or, in the case of equal service in that capacity, the Vice-President having the longest service as Member of the National Assembly or, in the case of equal service in that capacity, the elder of the Vice-Presidents shall replace the President during the time the President is unable to act or the office of President is vacant.”

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