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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 220  
(Private)

**An Act respecting Joseph Paul-Émile  
Daniel Michel Marcil**

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## **Bill 220**

(Private)

### **AN ACT RESPECTING JOSEPH PAUL-ÉMILE DANIEL MICHEL MARCIL**

AS Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil, hereinafter called “Michel Marcil”, was born on 2 June 1952 in Montréal;

AS Wilfrid Marcil and Lucienne Marcil were both respectively entered as father and mother of Michel Marcil in the act of birth that was drawn up on the occasion of his baptism;

AS Wilfrid Marcil and Lucienne Marcil are not Michel Marcil’s biological parents;

AS Lucienne Marcil is a fictitious and unknown person in the Marcil family genealogy;

AS Michel Marcil’s biological mother is Imelda Chevigny and as, at the time of the child’s birth, she was staying with her colleague Marie-Jeanne Marcil and the latter’s brother, Wilfrid Marcil;

AS the registration of Wilfrid Marcil and Lucienne Marcil as Michel Marcil’s father and mother on his act of birth was done without the knowledge of Imelda Chevigny;

AS Imelda Chevigny never consented to the adoption of her child, or to entrusting him to the Marcil family;

AS, on 5 March 1953, Imelda Chevigny filed a motion for the issue of a writ of habeas corpus against Wilfrid Marcil ordering him to return the child to her without delay;

AS, despite that motion, Michel Marcil remained with Wilfrid Marcil until the latter’s death on 30 November 1973;

AS, nevertheless, no judgment ordering the maintaining of the child with Wilfrid Marcil has ever been found;

AS a DNA test, on 25 November 1998, confirmed the bond of filiation between Michel Marcil, Edward George Hall and Imelda Chevigny;

AS Michel Marcil’s biological father is Edward George Hall;

AS, on 6 November 1999, Edward George Hall himself acknowledged, in writing and before a witness, that he and Michel Marcil were biologically related;

AS Michel Marcil and his biological father, Edward George Hall, maintained a constant relationship until the latter's death on 26 November 2001;

AS Michel Marcil and his biological mother, Imelda Chevigny, maintained a constant relationship until the latter's death on 30 August 2022;

AS, over a period of more than 20 years, Michel Marcil has developed family ties with his three younger brothers and three younger sisters;

AS Michel Marcil has since been presenting himself as Michel Hall, and is known and recognized as such;

AS Michel Marcil filed an application with the registrar of civil status for a preliminary analysis for an application for a change of name;

AS the registrar of civil status did not grant Michel Marcil's application, due to lack of jurisdiction to authorize a change of name where such a change is related to a change of filiation;

AS Michel Marcil is requesting that the register of civil status indicate that he is the son of Edward George Hall and Imelda Chevigny, rather than the son of Wilfrid Marcil and Lucienne Marcil;

AS Michel Marcil consents to such a change not affecting the succession of Edward George Hall or Imelda Chevigny, or that of their ascendants or descendants;

#### THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil, born on 2 June 1952 in Montréal, is to be, on the coming into force of this Act, known as the son of Edward George Hall and Imelda Chevigny.
- 2.** The bonds of filiation established by this Act have the same effect as if they had been established by a judgment of the Superior Court.
- 3.** Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil is to be, as of the coming into force of this Act, known as Michel William Hall.
- 4.** This Act does not affect the succession of Edward George Hall or Imelda Chevigny, or that of their ascendants or descendants.
- 5.** The registrar of civil status, on receiving this Act and in accordance with its provisions, is to make the entries and modifications required in a case of a change of name or a change of filiation.

**6.** This Act comes into force on 27 November 2025.





