Decision, 23 October 2001

An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2)

Chief electoral officer

— Revision of the list of electors in the electoral district of Villeray, located in the administrative district of Villeray/Saint-Michel/Parc-Extension, and in the electoral district of Louis-Hébert, located in the administrative district of Rosemont/ Petite-Patrie

Decision of the chief electoral officer by virtue of the powers invested in him under section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities concerning the revision of the list of electors in the electoral district of Villeray, located in the administrative district of Villeray/Saint-Michel/Parc-Extension, and in the electoral district of Louis-Hébert, located in the administrative district of Rosemont/ Petite-Patrie

WHEREAS municipal elections are scheduled to take place in Montréal on 4 November 2001;

WHEREAS the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) stipulates that the returning officer shall revise the list of electors by establishing, on the territory of the municipality, boards of revisors whose work he shall apportion and coordinate;

WHEREAS the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities stipulates that the returning officer must issue a public notice indicating notably the location, dates and times when applications for entry on, striking off from and correction of the list of electors may be presented to the boards of revisors;

WHEREAS such notice was issued and the boards of revisors have ended their work as of the date of this decision;

WHEREAS in the electoral district of Villeray, located in the administrative district of Villeray/Saint-Michel/ Parc-Extension, and in the electoral district of Louis-Hébert, located in the administrative district of Rosemont/ Petite-Patrie, the returning officer was informed that the notices of revision of the list of electors were delivered late by Canada Post; WHEREAS due to this delay, many electors were unable to go before the board of revisors to have their name entered on the list of electors;

WHEREAS the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities stipulates that an elector must be on the list of electors in order to exercise his right to vote;

WHEREAS due to the situation described above, a number of electors will be unable to exercise their right to vote;

WHEREAS section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities allows the chief electoral officer to adapt a provision of the Act when warranted by an exceptional circumstance;

WHEREAS the provisions of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities applicable to revision are not adapted to the situation described herein;

WHEREAS the chief electoral officer previously informed the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal of the decision he intends to make;

By virtue of the powers invested in him under section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the chief electoral officer has decided to adapt the provisions of sections 122, 125, 128 and 132 of the Act as follows:

1. The preamble is an integral part of this decision.

2. The returning officer for the City of Montréal is authorized to establish a board of revisors for each of the electoral districts of Villeray and Louis-Hébert in order to receive applications for entry on, striking off from and correction of the list of electors of the said districts, according to the following timetable:

— 30 October 2001, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

— 31 October 2001, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

3. The returning officer shall take the necessary measures to inform every elector in the electoral districts of Villeray and Louis-Hébert that might be concerned by this decision. 4. As soon as possible, the returning officer shall inform all parties authorized under Chapter XIII, teams recognized under Division III of this chapter and independent candidates concerned by this decision of the decision.

5. This decision shall come into effect on 23 October 2001.

MARCEL BLANCHET, Chief Electoral Officer and Chairman of the Commission de la représentation électoral,

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