(5) the ability to perform quality work within the deadlines fixed by the election calendar;

(6) the ability to use the computer systems and data produced and to have them used; and

(7) the ability to pass on knowledge acquired to other adults.

4. A returning officer must be available as required for

 $\left(1\right)$ the holding of a general election, by-election or referendum; and

(2) any other assignment that may be required by the chief electoral officer including delimiting polling subdivisions, carrying out preparatory activities for an event referred to in paragraph 1 and training activities, for the period determined by the chief electoral officer.

5. A returning officer who agrees to exercise similar duties at the municipal, school board or other level must first obtain authorization from the chief electoral officer and undertake in writing to be available at all times, immediately and without prior notice, when so required by the chief electoral officer.

6. During an event referred to in section 4, a returning officer must be readily accessible to the chief electoral officer and the members of the executive committee.

In addition, the chief electoral officer may require that a returning officer be present at his or her office at any time during an event referred to in that section.

7. Paragraph 3 of section 2 applies to a returning officer who is a member of the council of a municipality or school board before 6 May 2004 only as of the end of the returning officer's term as a member of the council.

8. This Regulation replaces the Returning Officer (Qualifications) Regulation approved by the Committee on the National Assembly on 23 March 1989 (*G.O.* 2, 5 April 1989, 1569).

9. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Notice

Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3)

Deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member — Candidates entitled to recommend — Amendment

In accordance with section 550 of the Election Act, the Committee of the National Assembly has approved without modification, on March 31, 2004, the "Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member appointments" which had been submitted to it by the chief electoral officer of Québec.

FRANÇOIS CÔTÉ, Secretary General of the National Assembly

In accordance with the third paragraph of section 550 of the Election Act, the chief electoral officer of Québec hereby publishes the "Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member appointments", which he has drafted in function of sections 550, 311 and 312.1 of the Election Act which was approved without modification by the Committee on the National Assembly, on March 31, 2004.

The present regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

MARCEL BLANCHET, Chief Electoral Officer of Québec

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member appointments^{*}

Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3, ss. 311, 312.1 and 550)

I• The title of the Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member appointments is replaced by the following: "Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend certain election officers".

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Notice

Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3)

Nomination — Amendments

In accordance with section 550 of the Election Act, the Committee of the National Assembly has approved without modification, on March 31, 2004, the "Regulation to amend the Nomination Regulation" which had been submitted to it by the chief electoral officer of Québec.

FRANÇOIS CÔTÉ, Secretary General of the National Assembly In accordance with the third paragraph of section 550 of the Election Act, the chief electoral officer of Québec hereby publishes the "Regulation to amend the Nomination Regulation", which he has drafted in function of sections 550, 239 and 241 of the Election Act which was approved without modification by the Committee on the National Assembly, on March 31, 2004.

The present regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette* officielle du Québec.

MARCEL BLANCHET, Chief Electoral Officer of Québec

Regulation to amend the Nomination Regulation^{*}

Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3, ss. 239, 241 and 550)

I • Section 3 of the Nomination Regulation is replaced by the following :

"3. A person offering to stand as candidate may attach to his nomination papers his Canadian citizenship certificate, Canadian passport, driver's licence or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, health insurance card issued by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec or a copy of the order hanging his name, instead of his birth certificate.".

2. Form 42 is replaced by the form appearing in the Schedule.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

^{*} The Regulation respecting the determination of the candidates entitled to recommend deputy returning officer, poll clerk, officer assigned to the list of electors and identity verification panel member appointments, approved by the Committee on the National Assembly on 23 March 1989 (1989, *G.O.* 2, 1577), was last amended by the regulation approved by the Committee on the National Assembly on 15 June 2001 (2001, *G.O.* 2, 3562). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2003, updated to 1 September 2003.

^{*} The Nomination Regulation, approved by the Committee on the National Assembly on 23 March 1989 (1989, *G.O.* 2, 1580), has been amended once, by the regulation approved by the Committee on the National Assembly on 20 December 2000 (2001, *G.O.* 2, 1182).