

Decisions

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An Act respecting school elections
(R.S.Q., c. E-2.3)

Chief electoral officer — Holding of a by-election in the Patriotes and Harricana school boards

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections, concerning the holding of a by-election in the Patriotes and Harricana school boards

WHEREAS by-elections are to be held on February 20, 2005, in electoral divisions number 8 and number 25 of the Patriotes School Board and in electoral division number 9 of the Harricana School Board in accordance with sections 191 and 200 of the Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3);

WHEREAS the second paragraph of section 200 of the Act respecting school elections provides that the provisions of Chapters IV to XII of the said Act shall apply to by-elections;

WHEREAS some of the said provisions have been adapted by means of special decisions of the chief electoral officer made on October 3, 2003, pursuant to section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections, concerning the power of election officers to administer oaths, acceptance of nomination papers by an assistant of the returning officer, the ballot paper, the poll book and the statement of votes;

WHEREAS it is necessary for these special decisions to apply to the by elections in the Patriotes School Board and in the Harricana School Board;

WHEREAS section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections allows the chief electoral officer to adapt a provision of the Act where it comes to his attention that, subsequent to an error or an exceptional circumstance, the provision does not meet the demands of the resultant situation;

WHEREAS the chief electoral officer has first informed the Minister of Education of the decision he intends to make;

The chief electoral officer, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections, has decided to adapt the provisions of the Act respecting school elections as follows:

— The following decisions made by the chief electoral officer during the election period ending on November 16, 2003, shall apply, adapted as required, to the by-elections in the Patriotes School Board and in the Harricana School Board:

– Decision of October 3, 2003 concerning the power of election officers to administer oaths;

– Decision of October 3, 2003 concerning acceptance of nomination papers by an assistant of the returning officer;

– Decision of October 3, 2003 concerning the ballot paper, the poll book and the statement of votes.

This decision has been in force from the time the returning officers of the school boards contemplated in this decision first took action in respect of the by-elections to which it applies.

Québec, 27 January 2005

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of the Commission de la représentation électorale*

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