

Decisions

Decision

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

Chief Electoral Officer

— By-election in the Draveurs School Board

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections regarding the by-election in the Draveurs School Board

WHEREAS a by-election is to be held on March 26, 2006, in electoral division n° 17 of the Draveurs 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 this Act apply to a by-election;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 53 of the Act respecting school elections, the Chief Electoral Officer shall send to each address for which no electors' names are entered on the permanent list of electors, a notice indicating that no electors' names are entered for that address;

WHEREAS the 550 notices that had to be sent for the by-election in electoral division n° 17 of the Draveurs School Board were mailed on March 9, 2006, that is the last day for submitting applications to the board of revisors;

WHEREAS following the delay in mailing the notices envisaged in section 53 of the Act respecting school elections, the electors in question could not present themselves before the board of revisors in order to be entered on the list of electors if necessary;

WHEREAS the Act respecting school elections stipulates that an elector has to be entered on the list of electors to exercise his voting rights;

WHEREAS following the situation described hereinabove electors may be unable to exercise their voting rights;

WHEREAS section 30.8 of the Act respecting school elections authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where it comes to his attention that, subsequent to 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, Recreation and Sport 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 sections 51, 54, 55, 57 and 58.2 of the Act respecting school elections as follows:

1. The preamble is an integral part of this decision.
2. The returning officer of the Draveurs School Board is authorized to set up a board of revisors for electoral division n° 17 in order to receive applications for entry on the list of electors from the electors covered by this decision, on March 23, 2006, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer shall take necessary measures to inform the electors covered by this decision.
4. The returning officer shall inform every candidate involved in the by-election as soon as possible.
5. This decision takes effect on March 20, 2006.

March 20, 2006

MARCEL BLANCHET,
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Chairman of the Commission
de la représentation électorale*

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