

WHEREAS the Election Act states that electors must exercise their right to vote in the polling subdivision that corresponds to their domiciliary address.

WHEREAS outside an election period the Chief Electoral Officer is able to correct such situations without imposing any special procedure on the electors concerned;

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Election Act regarding the revision of the list of electors in an election period, any application for entry on, correction of, or striking off the list of electors must be presented to a board of revisors;

WHEREAS the application of these provisions means that the electors affected by the situation described above must apply to the board of revisors to correct the errors on the list of electors that will be used in the forthcoming elections;

WHEREAS such errors must not have the effect of imposing on the electors concerned special procedures for the errors to be corrected;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he observes that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, it does not meet the demands of the situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly of his intention to use the provisions of the said section, and has taken the steps required to inform the other authorized parties, the candidates and the electors in question;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt the provisions of section 205 of this Act in order to add the following paragraphs:

“The Chief Electoral Officer may present to the board of revisors concerned the applications for entry, correction, or striking off on behalf of electors who were entered on the list of electors in a polling subdivision that does not correspond to that of their domicile due to a matching error.

The board of revisors that receives such an application analyzes it and makes the required corrections based on the directives issued for this purpose by the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer informs the electors concerned about the application that he has presented to the board of revisors.”.

This decision shall take effect on the date of the order enjoining the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec.

Québec, 9 March 2007

MARCEL BLANCHET,
*Chief Electoral Officer and
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Decision

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

Chief Electoral Officer — Exercise of the duties of officers assigned to the list of electors on polling day

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, concerning the exercise of the duties of officers assigned to the list of electors on polling day

WHEREAS order-in-council number 167-2007, issued on February 21, 2007, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on March 26, 2007;

WHEREAS section 310.1 of the Election Act provides that, in every polling station, the returning officer shall appoint two persons to act as officers assigned to the list of electors, recommended by the candidates of the authorized parties whose candidates came first and second at the last election;

WHEREAS section 315.1 of the Election Act provides that the officers assigned to the list of electors shall have the duty of informing the poll runners as to the electors who have exercised their right to vote;

WHEREAS, in many electoral divisions, the number of officers assigned to the list of electors on polling day will be insufficient to comply with the provisions of section 310.1 of the election Act;

WHEREAS special provisions must be made by returning officers on polling day in situations where it is impossible for them to have two officers assigned to the list of electors in every polling station;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he observes that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, it does not meet the demands of the situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly of his intention to use the provisions of the said section, and has taken the steps required to inform the other authorized parties, the candidates and the electors in question;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt sections 310.1, 314 and 315 in order to authorize returning officers to take one of the following steps if they observe that the number of officers assigned to the list of electors is insufficient:

— appoint a single officer for each polling station;

— where it is impossible to ensure the presence of at least one officer in a polling station, have the duties of the officer performed by the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk.

This decision shall take effect on the date of the order enjoining the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec.

Québec, 19 March 2007

MARCEL BLANCHET,
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Decision

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

Chief Electoral Officer — Exercise of voting rights by election officers on polling day

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, concerning the exercise of voting rights by election officers on polling day

WHEREAS order-in-council number 167-2007, issued on February 21, 2007, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on March 26, 2007;

WHEREAS significant difficulties were encountered in several electoral divisions with regard to the recruitment of the election officers required to hold the poll;

WHEREAS the recruitment of election officers is underway on the date of this decision, and will continue until the day preceding polling day;

WHEREAS many election officers who are recruited did not exercise their right to vote during the advance poll or may have had their name entered on the list of electors or made a correction to their entry through a special board of revisors;

WHEREAS these election officers cannot leave their positions on polling day to exercise their right to vote in the polling subdivision in which their domicile is located;

WHEREAS provisions are required to enable these election officers to exercise their right to vote;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he observes that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, it does not meet the demands of the situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly of his intention to use the provisions of the said section, and has taken the steps required to inform the other authorized parties, the candidates and the electors in question;