
Decisions

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

Chief Electoral Officer — The identification of electors on polling day

WHEREAS a general school election shall take place on November 4, 2007, in the school boards of Québec;

WHEREAS the problem of elector identification was raised during the provincial general election of March 26, 2007, and during the by-election of September 24, 2007, in the Charlevoix electoral division;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer decided during these electoral periods, to adapt the provisions of the Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3) regarding the identification of electors in order to ensure the good conduct of the election and the security of electors;

WHEREAS the provisions regarding elector identification contained in the Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3) are identical to those of the Election Act;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has reason to believe that the situation experienced during the general election of March 26, 2007 and during the by-election of September 24, 2007, in the Charlevoix electoral division is likely to recur during the school general elections of November 4, 2007;

WHEREAS the security of electors who exercise their right to vote and the good conduct of the election must be guaranteed;

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, Recreation and Sports 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 sections 112.2 and 114 of this Act as follows:

1. Anyone who appears at a polling station or at an identity verification panel must have his face uncovered.

Québec, 21 September 2007

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