

## Decisions

### Decision

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

#### **Chief Electoral Officer — Interruption of polling at the Commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord**

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 interruption of polling at the Commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord

WHEREAS a school general election was scheduled on November 4, 2007 in Québec school boards;

WHEREAS poor weather conditions caused power failures in several school boards in Eastern Québec;

WHEREAS some polling stations had no power and polling had to be interrupted for security reasons given the improbability of power being restored before the expected closing time of the polling stations;

WHEREAS these polling stations are situated in remote regions and access to auxiliary power sources is difficult in these areas;

WHEREAS the returning officer of the Commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord made a request to the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt the provisions of the Act Respecting School Elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3), to interrupt polling for security reasons and compensate for time lost at a later date;

WHEREAS the security of election staff and electors who exercise their voting right must be ensured;

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 exceptional circumstance or an urgency, 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 the provisions of this Act as follows:

1. The Returning Officer of the Commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord is authorized to suspend polling at 3:45 p.m. on November 4, 2007 in the polling stations of electoral division numbers 5, 8 and 9;
2. Polling will be continued in these electoral divisions on November 11, 2007, from 3:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
3. The Returning Officer of the Commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord must take all necessary measures to inform the electors concerned, candidates, as well as recognized tickets, if any, of the present decision and the conditions for resumption of polling.

This decision shall take effect on November 4, 2007.

Québec, 4 November 2007

MARCEL BLANCHET,  
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de la représentation électorale*

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