

Decisions

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

Chief Electoral Officer — Decision pursuant to the powers conferred by section 490 of the Election Act with regard to the application of section 306

WHEREAS Order-in-Council 458-2012, dated May 9, 2012, enjoins the Chief Electoral Officer to hold by-elections on Monday, June 11, 2012, in the electoral divisions of Argenteuil and LaFontaine;

WHEREAS section 306 of the Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3) provides that polling day shall be a day of vacation for the students in all the schools of a school board located in an electoral division where an election is being held;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord has scheduled to hold exams for secondary level IV and V students on June 11, 2012;

WHEREAS the holding of these exams cannot be postponed to a later date;

WHEREAS one of the schools of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, École polyvalente Lavigne, is located in the territory of the electoral division of Argenteuil;

WHEREAS polling stations will be established in the École polyvalente Lavigne on polling day of June 11, 2012;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where so required by exceptional circumstances;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties of his intention to apply the provisions of the said section and has taken the necessary steps to also inform the candidates concerned;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt section 306 as follows:

1. The École polyvalente Lavigne of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord is authorized to remain open on June 11, 2012 for the exclusive purpose of holding the exams planned at this date.

2. The management of the École polyvalente Lavigne must take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the students, after entering into an agreement, where applicable, with the returning officer of the electoral division of Argenteuil.

This decision shall take effect on the date of the order-in-council enjoining the Chief Electoral Officer to hold by-elections in the electoral divisions of Argenteuil and LaFontaine.

Québec, May 31, 2012

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