

## Decisions

### Decision

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

#### Chief Electoral Officer — Electors residing temporarily in Salluit

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act concerning electors residing temporarily in Salluit

WHEREAS Order-in-Council number 810-2012 issued on August 1, 2012, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on September 4, 2012;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 274 of the Election Act (R.S.Q., c. E-3.3), as amended by the Agreement between the Chief Electoral Officer and the leaders of the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly, polling outside the electoral division for electors residing temporarily in an electoral division other than that of their domicile ended on August 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS electors residing temporarily in Salluit were unable to exercise their right to vote due to the prevailing weather conditions in the region;

WHEREAS section 276 of the Election Act, as amended by the Agreement between the Chief Electoral Officer and the leaders of the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly, provides that section 353 of the said Act shall apply to polling outside the electoral division;

WHEREAS section 353 of the Election Act provides that the Chief Electoral Officer may extend polling hours, in particular where polling has been interrupted by an irresistible force;

WHEREAS this provision does not allow for an extension of polling days;

WHEREAS section 272 of the Election Act, as amended by the Agreement between the Chief Electoral Officer and the leaders of the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly, provides that the board of revisors of the elector's temporary place of residence may enter the elector on the list of electors for the polling subdivision in which the elector is domiciled;

WHEREAS, in compliance with section 222 of the Election Act, the deadline for submission of a request to a special board of revisors ended at 2:00 p.m. on August 30, 2012;

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 222, 274 and 353 of this Act as follows:

1. Electors residing temporarily in Salluit who are qualified to exercise their right to vote in accordance with the provisions of sections 269, 270, 272, 275, 276 and 277 of the Election Act, as amended by the Agreement between the Chief Electoral Officer and the leaders of the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly, are authorized to vote on August 31, 2012;
2. The special board of revisors for the electoral division of Ungava is authorized to receive requests from electors residing temporarily in Salluit on August 31, 2012.

This decision shall take effect on August 31, 2012.

Québec, August 31, 2012

JACQUES DROUIN,  
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de la représentation électorale*

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