Decision

Election Act (chapter E-3.3)

Chief Electoral Officer

—Exercise of the duties of officer 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 officer assigned to the list of electors on polling day

WHEREAS order-in-council number 206-2014, issued on March 5, 2014, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on April 7, 2014;

WHEREAS section 310.1 of the Election Act (c. E-3.3) stipulates that, in every polling station, the returning officer shall appoint one person to act as officer assigned to the list of electors, as recommended by the candidate of the authorized party that came third at the last election;

WHEREAS section 312 of the Election Act provides that recommendations for the appointment of election personnel must be received by the returning officer no later than the seventeenth day preceding polling day, and that if no recommendations are received, the returning officer shall make the appointment without any other formality;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer intends to make every effort to fill the positions of deputy returning officer and poll clerk and to build a sufficient reserve in case the persons appointed to those positions should withdraw;

WHEREAS the number of officers assigned to the list of electors available on polling day in certain electoral divisions is insufficient to comply with the provisions of section 310.1 of the Election Act;

WHEREAS special measures may be taken by the returning officers on polling day if it is not possible to place one person assigned to the list of electors at each polling station:

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act if it comes to his attention that the said provision does not meet the demands of the situation subsequent to an exceptional circumstance:

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

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt section 310.1 of the Election Act to provide that the duties of the officer assigned to the list of electors shall be carried out by the poll clerk if it is impossible to ensure the presence of an officer at a polling station.

This decision shall take effect on April 4, 2014.

Québec, April 4, 2014

JACQUES DROUIN, Chief Electoral Officer and Chairman of the Commission de la représentation électorale

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Decision

Election Act (chapter E-3.3)

Chief Electoral Officer

—Entry of certain electors on the list of electors

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, concerning the entry of certain electors on the list of electors

WHEREAS order-in-council number 206-2014, issued on March 5, 2014, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on April 7, 2014;

WHEREAS, following a matching error, 143 electors in a private residence for seniors, identified in the register constituted pursuant to the Act respecting health services and social services (c. S-4.2), who should have been registered in polling subdivision 506 of the electoral division of Jeanne-Mance—Viger, were not registered;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 145 of the Election Act (c. E-3.3), upon the issue of an order instituting an election and as soon as the requests for changes to the permanent list of electors received before the issue of the order have been processed, the Chief Electoral Officer shall produce the list of electors and the list of electors entitled to exercise their right to vote outside Québec;