

Decisions

Decision

Election Act
(chapter E-3.3)

Chief Electoral Officer — Counting of advance poll ballots

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act concerning the counting of advance poll ballots

WHEREAS order-in-council number 1267-2018, issued on August 23, 2018, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 1st, 2018;

WHEREAS the number of people voting in the advance polls between September 21 and September 27, 2018, was very high;

WHEREAS section 361 of the Election Act (CQLR, c. E-3.3) states that the deputy returning officer, assisted by the poll clerk, shall count the ballots after the close of polls;

WHEREAS in many electoral divisions, the counting of advance poll ballots risks being significantly delayed due to the high number of electors who exercised their right to vote;

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 360 to 370.2 of this Act as follows:

1. In the case of one or several ballot boxes containing more than 300 ballots, the returning officer is authorized, as from 6:00 p.m. on polling day, to begin counting the whole advance ballots by the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk.

2. The returning officer must take all necessary steps to ensure that the personnel assigned to count the ballots from the said ballot boxes are able to communicate the results of the count before the poll closes; the personnel in question and the representatives present must make an oath to this effect.

This decision is effective as of the date on which it is signed.

Québec, September 27, 2018

PIERRE REID,
Chief Electoral Officer

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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 1267-2018, issued on August 23, 2018, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 1st, 2018;

WHEREAS the Service québécois de changement d'adresse (SQCA) allows electors to give notice of their change of address to various government ministries and organizations, including Élections Québec, up to six months in advance;

WHEREAS electors who give notice of their change of address through the SQCA for their registration on the permanent list of electors of Élections Québec must indicate their new domiciliary address and the effective date of the change of address;

WHEREAS some electors who gave notice of their change of address through the SQCA for the permanent list of electors indicated that their change of address would be effective after August 23, 2018 and not later than September 17, 2018;