

WHEREAS, in several electoral divisions, the number of deputy returning officers and poll clerks available on polling day will not be sufficient to meet the provisions of sections 302, 310 and 312 of the Election Act;

WHEREAS special arrangements must be made by returning officers in cases where it is not possible to have a deputy returning officer and a poll clerk at each polling station on polling day;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he finds that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, the provision does not meet the demands of the situation;

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

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt sections 302, 310, 312 and 312.1 of the Election Act as follows:

1. Returning officers in electoral divisions where it is not possible to appoint a deputy returning officer and a poll clerk for a polling station are authorized to have the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk of another polling station or the members of the identity verification panel perform these duties, except in cases where such members are already acting as deputy returning officers and poll clerks pursuant to the third paragraph of section 312.1.

This decision takes effect on the date of signature.

Québec, October 2, 2022

PIERRE REID
Chief Electoral Officer

106014

Decision

Election Act
(chapter E-3.3)

An Act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec
(chapter 24)

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him or her by section 26 of An Act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec and section 490 of the Election Act with respect to the cancellation of an advance poll day in the Îles-de-la-Madeleine electoral division

WHEREAS Order in Council No. 1633-2022, issued on August 28, 2022, enjoins the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 3, 2022;

WHEREAS according to section 132 of the Election Act (CQLR, c. E-3.3), the main office of the returning officer is open every day as of the order instituting the by-election from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday;

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 220 and 222 of the Election Act, a special board of revisors sits at the main office of the returning officer from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from the thirteenth to the fourth day before the poll;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 301.2 of the Election Act, the advance polling station is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the eighth and seventh days before the poll;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 301.5 of the Election Act, the returning officer sends the candidates, after each day, a list of the electors who voted in the advance poll;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 9 of An act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec (S.Q. 2022, c. 24; hereinafter Bill 24), an application to vote by mail from an elector referred to in subparagraph 1 of section 6 of this bill must be received not later than the eighth day before the poll;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10 of Bill 24, the returning officer transmits to the candidates the list of electors eligible to vote by mail on the seventh day before the poll;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 11 of Bill 24, the returning officer transmits, no later than the seventh day before the poll, to any elector entered on the list of electors eligible to vote by mail the material required to exercise his or her right to vote;

WHEREAS hazardous weather conditions are forecast for the electoral division of Îles-de-la-Madeleine on September 25, 2022;

WHEREAS these conditions could jeopardize the safety of all those involved during elections in this electoral division, including electors, election officers and candidates;

WHEREAS section 26 of the Bill 24 and section 490 of the Election Act allow the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of these acts where he finds that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, a provision does not meet the demands of the situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented at the National Assembly of his intention to use these sections and has taken the necessary means to inform the other authorized parties, candidates electors concerned.

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by section 26 of Bill 24 and by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt sections 9 and 11 of Bill 24 and sections 132, 220, 222, 301.2 and 301.5 of the Election Act as follows:

1. The office of the returning officer for the electoral division of Îles-de-la-Madeleine is closed on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

2. All operations under sections 220, 222, 301.2 and 301.5 of the Election Act on the eighth day before polling day are cancelled.

3. The hours of operation of the advance polling station set out in section 301.2 for the seventh day are replaced by the following: “from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.”

4. The deadline provided for in section 9 of Bill 24 is postponed to the seventh day before the poll.

5. The deadlines provided for in sections 10 and 11 of Bill 24 are postponed to the sixth day before the poll.

6. The Returning Officer for the electoral division of Îles-de-la-Madeleine must take the necessary steps to inform the electors of this decision.

This decision takes effect on the date of signature.

Québec, September 24, 2022

PIERRE REID
Chief Electoral Officer

106012

Decision

Election Act
(chapitre E-3.3)

An act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec
(chapter 24)

Decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him or her by section 26 of an act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec and section 490 of the Election Act with respect to the closing of the office of the returning officer of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine electoral division

WHEREAS Order in Council No. 1633-2022, issued on August 28, 2022, enjoins the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 3, 2022;

WHEREAS according to section 132 of the Election Act (CQLR, c. E-3.3), the main office of the returning officer is open every day as of the order instituting the by-election from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday;

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 220 and 222 of the Election Act, a special board of revisors sits at the main office of the returning officer from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from the thirteenth to the fourth day before the poll;

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 263 and 274 of the Election Act, an elector may vote at the principal office of the returning officer on the tenth, ninth, sixth, fifth and fourth days before polling day;

WHEREAS according to sections 7 and 8 of An act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec (S.Q. 2022, c. 24; hereinafter Bill 24), an elector who is