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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 169

## **An Act to amend the Election Act with respect to the delimitation of electoral divisions**

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### **Introduction**

**Introduced by  
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Minister for Electoral Reform**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

*This bill amends the Election Act to establish that the electoral divisions are to be delimited taking into account the principle of effective representation of electors. It also provides that, in the future, a new delimitation of electoral districts will be made after every other general election.*

*Finally, the bill provides that the Committee on Electoral Representation must recommence the proceedings begun for the consultation of the Members of the National Assembly and interested individuals and organizations that were suspended in December 1990.*

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.** Section 14 of the Election Act (R.S.Q., chapter E-3.3) is amended by replacing the words “that the vote of each elector is of equal weight” in the third line by the words “of effective representation of electors”.

**2.** Section 17 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “, for exceptional reasons,” in the first and second lines of the first paragraph.

**3.** Section 19 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

**“19.** The Commission shall make a new delimitation of the electoral divisions after the second general election following the last delimitation.”

**4.** Sections 20 and 21 of the said Act are repealed.

**5.** Section 22 of the said Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

**“22.** Within the twelve months following the election referred to in section 19, the Commission shall submit to the President or the Secretary General of the National Assembly a preliminary report in which it proposes a new delimitation of the electoral divisions.”

**6.** The Committee on Electoral Representation shall recommence the proceedings undertaken pursuant to section 24 of the

Election Act with respect to the consultation of Members of the National Assembly and interested individuals and organizations that were suspended by chapter 61 of the statutes of 1990, amended by chapter 36 of the statutes of 1991. The period of time provided for in the said section shall terminate on 1 May 1992.

**7.** Sections 1, 2 and 6 take effect from 1 November 1991.

Sections 3, 4 and 5 will take effect on the date of the order instituting the holding of the next general election.

**8.** This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).