



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 21

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly

Introduction



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends various provisions of the Act respecting the National Assembly to authorize the provision of premises in the Montréal area to the Leader of the Official Opposition, and to the President of the National Assembly to enable him to receive his electors in his electoral division; the amendments also provide for the payment of expenses for lodgings both to the Prime Minister and to the President of the Assembly rather than provide them with a residence, and for changes in the conditions of employment of the personnel assigned to the research services of the political parties.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 73 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is replaced by the following section:

“73. The payment of indemnities, allowances or other amounts under this Act or the regulations thereunder or under the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly or the regulations thereunder to a Member of the Assembly or under the Executive Power Act or the regulations thereunder as a member of the Conseil exécutif, and the provision of premises to the President of the Assembly, in his electoral division, to enable him to receive his electors and the provision of premises to the Leader of the Official Opposition to enable him to perform his duties in the Montréal area do not put the Member in a situation of conflict of interest.”

2. Section 104 of the said Act, amended by section 1 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 1985, is again amended by replacing subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(4) expenses for lodgings, in the city of Québec or in the immediate vicinity, of any Member having his principal residence outside the city of Québec or an electoral division adjacent to that city;”.

3. Section 108 of the said Act, amended by section 2 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 1985, is again amended by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following paragraph:

“Each political party may transfer the moneys required for the remuneration of the regular personnel assisting the party for research purposes to the budget of the Chief Whip granted under subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 104. The personnel hired to assist the party for such purposes forms part of the personnel of the Chief Whip in the same way as other members of his personnel.”

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