



CHAPTER 37

An Act establishing the Superior Labour Council

[Assented to, the 17th of May, 1940]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. An organization for the study of social questions is hereby created under the name of: *Superior Labour Council*; this organization shall be consultative. “Superior Labour Council” created.
2. The Council shall have as special mission the study of the questions relating to the protection of the labourers and wage-earners, the rationalization of labour, collective labour agreements, minimum wages, the inspection of work, the prevention of workmen’s accidents, apprenticeship, vocational orientation, the rehabilitating of the unemployed, social insurance and assistance, the suppression of slums and the attainment of ownership by workmen. Mission of the Council.
3. The Minister of Labour may invite the Superior Council to make a preliminary study of any such particular problem as contemplated under section 2 or of any other question that the development of economic and social life in the Province calls to the attention of the Government. Studies to be made.

The Superior Council, of its own initiative, may also direct its researches upon any particular aspect of social problems; nevertheless, in such case, its program of study must be ratified by the Minister of Labour. Idem.

Composition
of Council.

4. The Superior Council shall be composed of twenty-four members, appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Labour.

Eight of them shall be chosen to represent labour, amongst the persons recommended to the Minister of Labour by the most representative labour associations of the Province.

Eight shall be chosen to represent capital, amongst the persons recommended to the Minister of Labour by the most representative employers' associations of the Province.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall himself appoint eight members to be chosen amongst the persons specially conversant with social and economic problems.

Associate
members.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also appoint, as associate members, three representatives of the Department of Labour and three representatives of the Department of Trade and Commerce. These associate members take part in the deliberations of the Council but do not vote.

Term of office.

5. With the exception of the representatives of the Department of Labour and of the Department of Trade and Commerce, who shall be appointed during pleasure, the members of the Superior Council shall remain in office for a period of three years.

Replace-
ment.

Nevertheless, the associations which have recommended the persons appointed to the Superior Council may request the replacement of any person appointed upon their recommendation, if the reason for this replacement meets with the approval of the Superior Council in plenary session.

Reëligibility.

6. Any member of the Superior Council shall be reëligible at the termination of his functions.

President and
vice-
presidents.

7. The Superior Council shall elect a president and two vice-presidents.

Permanent
Board.

8. The Superior Council shall elect a Permanent Board of six members, which shall prepare its work and serve as connecting link between the Council and the Minister of Labour.

This Permanent Board shall be formed of two representatives of the labour group, of two representatives of the employers' group and of two representatives of the economists' and sociological group. Composition thereof.

The Minister of Labour and the Minister of Trade and Commerce shall each appoint an associate member to the Permanent Board; these associate members take part in the deliberations of the Board, but do not vote. Associate members.

The Superior Council and the said Ministers more-over shall appoint, and in the same way, substitute members to replace if need be the members of the Permanent Board. Substitute members.

9. The members of the Permanent Board shall be appointed for one year and shall be reëligible at the termination of their functions; the associate members shall be appointed during pleasure. Term of office.

10. The Permanent Board shall prepare the work of the Superior Council; the Superior Council or the Minister of Labour shall communicate to it the subjects about which the public administration wishes to be enlightened. Duties of Permanent Board.

The Permanent Board shall report to the Superior Council and to the Minister of Labour. The Superior Council may accept, reject or amend the conclusions of the reports of the Permanent Board and must inform the Minister of Labour of its decisions. Idem.

11. The Superior Council shall meet at least twice a year, at the dates fixed by the Permanent Board with the assent of the Minister of Labour; the latter shall call the first meeting. Meetings.

12. The Permanent Board shall prepare the by-laws for its internal administration, that of the Council and the mode of election of the officers of the Council. These by-laws shall be submitted to the Superior Council which may amend them, and they shall come into force upon approval by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Internal administration.

13. The Permanent Board may designate, amongst the members of the Council and the functionaries thereto attached, persons charged with the making of studies, investigations and reports upon particular Investigators.

problems. Upon the recommendation of the Permanent Board, such persons who are not functionaries attached to the Superior Council may receive such remuneration as the Minister deems appropriate.

**Summoning
of witnesses.**

14. The Superior Council and the Permanent Board shall have, for the summoning of persons called to appear as witnesses, the powers conferred upon councils of conciliation and arbitration by the Quebec Trade Disputes Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 97).

Secretary.

15. A secretary shall be attached to the Permanent Board who shall fulfill the same duties for the Superior Council.

**Annual
report.**

16. Under the direction of the Permanent Board, the secretary shall prepare an annual report to be approved by the Superior Council in plenary session and then submitted to the Minister of Labour.

**Appoint-
ments.**

17. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint the secretary and the other functionaries he shall deem necessary to attach to the Superior Council and to the Permanent Board.

**No remun-
eration.**

18. The members of the Superior Council and the members of the Permanent Board shall receive no salary; they shall be indemnified for the cost to them of attending the meetings.

Expenses.

19. All the expenditure necessary for the carrying out of this act shall be paid out of the sums annually appropriated for such purpose.

**Carrying out
of act.**

20. The Minister of Labour shall have charge of the carrying out of this act.

**Coming into
force.**

21. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.