



CHAPTER 78

An Act respecting the budget of the City of Montreal.

[Assented to, the 14th of March, 1940]

WHEREAS it is necessary to enact special provisions Preamble.
for the ensuing budget of the city of Montreal,
a corporation governed by the act 62 Victoria, chapter
58, and the acts amending it;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advise and consent
of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative As-
sembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The council of the city of Montreal has until Delay to
the 26th of May, 1940, exclusively, for amending and amend and
adopting the budget of the fiscal year 1940-41, deposited adopt budget.
according to law, on the 15th of February, 1940, and
also the by-laws and resolutions relating thereto.

If the executive committee amends such budget or Amendments
the documents relating thereto, it shall deposit the by executive
proposed amendments with the city clerk not later committee.
than the 15th of May, 1940, and without it being
necessary to previously give notice thereof.

The council shall not begin the study of the bud- Date to begin
getary estimates of the ensuing fiscal year before the 15th study of
of May, 1940, unless the executive committee deposits budget by
the above-mentioned amendments before such date. council.
In the latter case, it may begin such study without
further delay.

The council shall impose the assessments, taxes and Obligatory
licenses, prior to the adoption of the budget, and the assessments
levies so enacted shall become compulsory and due and levies.

Sales tax. from the 1st of May, 1940. The sales tax however shall remain imposed for the ensuing fiscal year, and the city shall have the right to collect it as from May 1st, 1940, unless the council shall decide otherwise at the time of the adoption of the budget.

Payment of expenses chargeable to the revenue, prior to adoption of budget. If such budget is not adopted before the 1st of May, 1940, the executive committee may authorize the director of finance to utilize temporarily the cash on hand from any source to pay the expenditures chargeable to the revenue of the current fiscal year. If there is no cash on hand or if the amount on hand is insufficient, the executive committee may authorize a short term loan from the banks, which loan shall be repaid immediately after the adoption of the budget, either by means of the revenue collected, or by means of a loan in anticipation of the collection of the revenue for the current fiscal year.

Automatic coming into force of budget, etc. In the event of failure by the council to adopt the budget, as well as the by-laws and resolutions imposing the taxes, within the delay fixed by this act, the budget and the said by-laws and resolutions, as altered by the executive committee or the council, shall automatically come into force by the sole fact of the expiration of the said delay, and the levies thus enacted shall be due from the 1st of May, 1940.

Approval. The loans contemplated in this section shall be subject to the approval of the Quebec Municipal Commission.

In case of incompatibility. **2.** The provisions of this act shall prevail, in case of incompatibility, over those of every other general law or special act.

Coming into force. **3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.