



## CHAPTER 116

### An Act to amend the charter of the city of Three Rivers

[Assented to, the 6th of March, 1935]

**W**HEREAS Charles Lebrun, financier, Maurice Fortin, Preamble. merchant, François Lajoie, advocate, Wellie Godin, physician, Henri Bisson, accountant, Léon Pagé, contractor, Hector E. Bachand, manager, Philippe Gouin, manager, Charles N. DeBlois, physician, and Benjamin Panneton, banker, all property-owing ratepayers of the city of Three Rivers, have, by their petition, represented:

That, by section 11 of the act 23 George V, chapter 126, amending the charter of the city of Three Rivers, an annual salary of five thousand dollars was granted to the mayor, to be computed from the 1st of January, 1933, provided that the question of the mayor's indemnity be previously submitted to the electors who are property-owners and be approved by the majority in number of those who voted, by secret ballot;

That, at that time, Georges Henri Robichon, K.C., was mayor of the city of Three Rivers, having been first elected on February 2nd, 1931, and reelected on February 1st, 1932, and is still the mayor of the city of Three Rivers, having been reelected by acclamation on February 1st, 1934;

That, owing to the innumerable difficulties incident to the administration of the city during the hard times prevailing in 1933, every moment had to be devoted to solve problems continually arising and it was only right to defer the holding of a referendum;

That, in 1934, the celebration of the third centenary of the founding of the city of Three Rivers required the constant attention of all its citizens, and, for this reason, it was expedient to further defer the holding of the referendum;

That, on the 1st and 2nd of October, 1934, the celebration being over, the referendum was held, but the property-owning ratepayers refused their approval because they considered that the Legislature had offered the sum of three thousand dollars to the mayor, without a referendum, when the Bill which became law in 1933 was being examined in the Private Bills Committee, at Quebec, and that such amount should have been accepted at that time;

That it is in the interest of the ratepayers and of the proper administration of the city of Three Rivers that its charter, the act 5 George V, chapter 90, as amended by the acts 6 George V, chapter 45; 7 George V, chapter 63; 8 George V, chapter 85; 9 George V, chapter 93; 10 George V, chapter 88; 11 George V, chapter 113; 18 George V, chapter 99; 19 George V, chapter 98; 21 George V, chapter 128; 22 George V, chapter 108, and 23 George V, chapter 126, be further amended, as hereinafter set forth, and that certain special powers be granted to it;

Whereas the corporation of the city of Three Rivers, by its resolutions passed on the 7th and the 21st of January, 1935, prayed the Legislative Assembly of Quebec to grant to the mayor and to the aldermen the salaries asked for in this act, as well as to keep Mr. J. C. H. René de Cotret in his position of director of finance;

Whereas the recognized public bodies of the city of Three Rivers, such as the Board of Trade, The Property Owners Association, and the National Catholic Labour Union have made the same request; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

5 Geo. V, c. 90, s. 13, replaced. **1.** Section 13 of the act 5 George V, chapter 90, as replaced by the acts 6 George V, chapter 45, section 1, and 23 George V, chapter 126, section 11, is again replaced by the following:

R. S., c. 102, s. 64, replaced for city. **“13.** Section 64 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102) is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Indemnity of members of council. **“64.** The members of the council shall not receive any salary, profit or indemnity, in any form whatsoever, for their services, except the mayor who shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars to be computed from the 1st of February, 1934.”

**2.** Section 7 of the act 23 George V, chapter 126, is <sup>23 Geo. V,</sup> amended by replacing the word: "two", in the fifth line <sup>c. 126, s. 7,</sup> of the second paragraph thereof, by the word: "five". <sup>am.</sup>

**3.** The property belonging to or which may belong to <sup>Exemption</sup> the Catholic Scouts of Three Rivers, Inc., in the city of <sup>from taxa-</sup> Three Rivers, is and shall be exempt from all general and <sup>tion to</sup> special municipal taxes as long as the said property serves <sup>Catholic</sup> one of the objects pursued by the said Catholic Scouts of <sup>Scouts'</sup> Three Rivers, Inc., especially the physical, intellectual and <sup>property.</sup> moral education of boys, from and after the 1st of January, 1932.

**4.** This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sup>force.</sup>