



CHAPTER 51

An Act respecting certain public meetings endangering public, social or religious order

[Assented to, the 20th of April, 1934]

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

1. The Revised Statutes, 1925, are amended by inserting R. S., c. therein, after chapter 170 thereof, the following chapter: ^{170A,} _{added.}

“CHAPTER 170 A

“AN ACT RESPECTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULARS, IN CITIES AND TOWNS, FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

“**1.** This act may be cited as *Certain Meetings Advertising Act*. Short title.

“**2.** In this act:

1. The words “chief of police” mean the person who fulfills the duties of superintendent, director or chief of police in a municipality, and, in the event of there being no such officer in a municipality, the mayor of the municipality; Interpretation: “Chief of police”;

2. The word “circular” means any paper, writing or printed matter or any document whatsoever, which is distributed, posted up or otherwise made public, but does not include: “Circular”;

a. A newspaper, pamphlet or paper to which the provisions of the Newspaper Declaration Act (Chap. 172) apply, and with regard to which the provisions of this latter act have been observed; Exclusions;

b. A circular respecting religious, charitable, electoral, municipal, or school purposes, or meetings allowed by law;

c. A circular respecting the proper management and the operations of public bodies, corporations, firms, associations or institutions having a legal existence;

d. A circular which a manufacturer, a merchant or a trader distributes, posts up or otherwise makes public, to advertise his business, products or merchandise;

e. Any circular designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

“Person”.

3. The word “person” includes likewise any association, firm or corporation whatsoever.

Approval prior to distribution, etc.

“3. 1. No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed, post up or cause to be posted up, or otherwise make public, a circular in a city or town, unless such circular shall have been submitted to and been approved by the chief of police.

Particulars to be shown on circular.

2. The person who undertakes the distributing or posting up of such circular or the rendering of same public in any other manner must see that the printer or any other person having the making thereof causes to be shown, on some part thereof, the real names, designation and domicile of the printer and of the author, the true description of the place where it was printed or made and the statement that it has been duly approved by the chief of police or the mayor, as the case may be, of the city or town where it is to be distributed, posted up or made public.

When approval prohibited.

“4. The approval contemplated by section 3 shall not be granted if the printer, maker or author of the circular is not domiciled in this Province.

Offences and penalties.

“5. Every person who commits any infringement of this act shall be liable, in addition to the costs, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to an imprisonment not exceeding one month.

Powers of police.

“6. Any member of the Provincial or municipal police may seize and confiscate, in any place whatsoever, any circular distributed, posted up or otherwise made public contrary to the provisions of this act.”