

PLEASE NOTE

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CHAPTER P-10

PLEBISCITES ACT

1. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time direct that Authorization to a provincial plebiscite be had and taken on such date as may be appointed to ascertain the approval or otherwise by a majority of persons qualified to vote thereat as hereinafter provided, of any Act of the Legislature or any part thereof, or of any order in council made pursuant to any such enactment, or on any question of enforcement of any such enactment.

hold plebiscites

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), where it appears to the Idem Lieutenant Governor in Council that an expression of opinion of the voters is desirable on any matter of public concern, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct that a plebiscite on that matter be conducted under this Act. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. P-8, s.2; 1991, c.32, s.1.

qualifications of

2. (1) Unless otherwise directed by order in council ordering the issue of Voter, the writ for the taking of the vote, at such plebiscite each person qualified to vote at a provincial election shall be entitled to cast one ballot only, that is to say in the electoral district in which such person resides.

may vote, by order

(2) Where the question or questions to be submitted relates to or Limitation on who affects only a limited economic group or class or to limited groups or classes, the order in council may limit the vote to such limited groups or classes and in such case shall determine the qualifications of the voters entitled to vote thereunder. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. P-8, s.3.

3. The plebiscite shall be conducted as nearly as may be possible, with Manner of holding the necessary changes, in the manner provided for the holding of plebiscite provincial general elections. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. P-8, s.4.

nine o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening of the

4. At the plebiscite the polls shall open for the casting of ballots from Polls, when open

polling day. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. P-8, s.5; 1991, c.32, s.2. 5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations not Regulations inconsistent with this Act for the proper carrying out of its provisions and particularly for regulating the procedure prior to, at, and after voting, the advertising of the taking of the vote, the publication and dissemination of literature pertaining to the matters to be voted upon, the procedure as to recount and such other matters as may be considered

advisable. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. P-8, s.6.