



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 191

**An Act to provide a fixed date
for the election of Members of the
National Assembly as of 16 April 2007**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr. Mario Dumont
Member for Rivière-du-Loup**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the election of the Members of the National Assembly in a general election held on a fixed date every four years beginning in 2007, subject to the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly whenever the Lieutenant-Governor sees fit.

The bill also makes a consequential amendment to the Act respecting the National Assembly.

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PREAMBLE

AS the people of Québec have a deep attachment to democratic principles of government ;

As it is desirable that general elections be held in Québec on a fixed date ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

- 1.** A general election following the dissolution of the thirty-seventh legislature must be held on 16 April 2007, and each general election after that must be held on the third Monday of the month that is four years after the month in which the polling day for the most recently held general election fell.
- 2.** It is the responsibility of the Prime Minister of Québec to request the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly in sufficient time to permit the holding of a general election in accordance with section 1.
- 3.** Nothing in this Act affects the power of the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the National Assembly whenever the Lieutenant-Governor sees fit.
- 4.** Section 6 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is replaced by the following section :

“**6.** A Legislature begins when the Secretary General receives from the chief electoral officer, acting under section 380 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3), the list of candidates declared elected following a general election.”
- 5.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

