

# **Voter's Manual**

# The Chief Electoral Officer of Québec is hereby informing you of your rights.

#### **CAN YOU VOTE?**

To vote, you must be entered on the list of electors and fulfill the following conditions on polling day:

- · be at least 18 years old:
- · be a Canadian citizen; and
- be domiciled in Québec for the past six months.

#### IS YOUR NAME ENTERED ON THE LIST OF ELECTORS?

You can check this by consulting the notice that you receive

#### HOW CAN YOU ENTER YOUR NAME ON THE LIST **OF ELECTORS?**

You have to go to the revision office to file an application for entry or correction on the list of electors. A relative, your spouse or a person who lives with you can file an application on your behalf.

You have to present two identification documents with your application; otherwise, it will be rejected.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> DOCUMENT

The first must show your name and your date of birth. **Examples:** Birth certificate, Québec health insurance card, Canadian passport.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> DOCUMENT**

The second must show your name and your address. **Examples:** Québec driver's licence, telephone or electricity bill.

## WHERE IS THE REVISION OFFICE LOCATED?

The address of your revision office and the days and times when it is open are indicated on the notice that you receive at home.

#### **ADDITIONAL DELAY**

If you would like to apply for entry or correction on the list of electors after the end of the revision period, you must contact the office of your returning officer. You will be informed about the special revision period and the address where it will take place. During this period, only the elector himself can submit an application.

IMPORTANT! Your entry on the electoral list made during the special revision does not confer the right to vote in the advance poll, but only on polling days at the returning office and on election day.

# WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE?

A few days before the vote you will receive a reminder card containing all the information required to vote on election day. You will also find the names of the candidates running in your

#### ARE YOU UNABLE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY? **SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE!**

· You may vote at the advance polls. Consult the notice sent to your home to find out the address, days and opening times of your advance polling stations.

- · You can vote at the office of the returning officer or at one of the designated offices during the days set aside for this purpose. Find out more from the returning officer or consult our website to locate the office that has been allotted to you.
- · If you are temporarily residing in an electoral division other than the electoral division of your domicile during poling days, you may vote at the office of the returning officer in this electoral division during the days set aside for this purpose. You will vote for a candidate from the electoral division of
- · Polling stations will also be set up in most universities and colleges.

#### **HOW TO VOTE?**

- **Step 1** An election official checks your entry on the list of electors.
- **Step 2** You identify yourself and show a piece of ID.
- **Step 3** You are given a ballot paper.
- **Step 4** You go to the booth where you can make your choice confidentially. You mark the ballot paper in only one of the circles using only the pencil that will be provided to you by the deputy returning officer.
- **Step 5** Return to the table after voting.
- **Step 6** Personally deposit your ballot paper in the ballot box.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

To vote, you have to establish your identity by presenting one of the following documents:

- Québec health insurance card;
- Québec driver's licence;
- · Canadian passport;
- · certificate of Indian status;
- · Canadian Forces Identification card.

# ARE THERE OTHER WAYS OF EXERCISING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE?

Yes, there are other special measures in place for people:

- · temporarily absent from Québec;
- unable to leave their domicile for health reasons and their caregiver domiciled at the same address;
- · lodged or domiciled in a hospital, a long-term care housing and care center, a rehabilitation centre, or certain residences for the elderly.

You know anyone in one of these situations?

Inform them as soon as possible, since applications for registration must be received early in the election period.

#### ANY QUESTIONS?

- · Consult our Web site: www.elections.quebec.
- · Contact us by dialing: 1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846).
- E-mail us at: info@electionsquebec.qc.ca.

# **ARE YOU LIVING IN A REMOTE REGION?**

Special procedures have been set up due to the isolation of certain communities.

## These special procedures make it possible to:

- · send a request for a modification on the list of electors by fax during the special revision period;
- · vote in the advance poll by mail;
- send your nomination papers by fax.

Contact us to know if your community profits of these special procedures or visit the special page on our Web site "Special procedures for remote regions".