



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 11
(2012, chapter 24)

**An Act to amend the Act respecting the
National Assembly and the Act
respecting the conditions of employment
and the pension plan of the Members of
the National Assembly**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act allows independent Members, in the same way as Members of political parties represented in the National Assembly, to transfer moneys they receive for research and support purposes to their budget for the remuneration of personnel. It also allows personnel hired for such purposes to form part of an independent Member's personnel in the same manner as the other members of the personnel of the independent Member.

In addition, it provides that the Whip of a party referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 7 of the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly is a House officer.

Lastly, the House Leader of such a party receives an additional indemnity and one of the conditions, set out under the same subparagraph 6, for recognizing a political party for the purpose of granting an indemnity to its leader is removed.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1);
- Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-52.1).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 108 of the Act respecting the National Assembly (chapter A-23.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Independent Members may transfer the moneys required for the remuneration of regular personnel hired to assist them for research and support purposes to the budget granted to them under subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 104. The personnel hired to assist independent Members for such purposes forms part of their personnel in the same manner as the other members of their personnel.”

2. Section 124.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “and the Chief Official Opposition Whip in the National Assembly” in the first paragraph by “, the Chief Official Opposition Whip and the Whip of a party contemplated in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 7 of the said Act”.

3. Section 7 of the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (chapter C-52.1) is amended by replacing subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

“(6) any Member, other than the Member contemplated in subparagraph 4, who leads an opposition party in the Assembly shall receive on an annual basis an indemnity equal to 35% of the annual indemnity if that party

(a) had at least 12 Members elected at the last general election; or

(b) obtained 20% of the valid votes cast, according to the official addition of the votes cast throughout Québec at the last general election;

“(6.1) the Member occupying the position of House Leader of a party contemplated in subparagraph 6 shall receive on an annual basis an indemnity equal to 25% of the annual indemnity;”.

4. This Act has effect from the beginning of the 40th Legislature.

5. This Act comes into force on 6 December 2012.