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BACKGROUND - DOCUMENTATION

ENUMERATION IN QUEBEC AT THE 35th GENERAL ELECTION

In the province of Quebec, enumerators will go door-to-door to register eligible electors on the preliminary list of electors. Outside of Quebec, no enumeration will be held. The voters list compiled for the October 1992 federal referendum will be re-used and revised. Since Quebec held its own referendum under provincial law, no federal voters list exists, so an enumeration is needed in that province.

TIMING

Enumerators will go door-to-door, from Monday, the 35th day before polling day until Sunday, the 29th day before polling day. Generally, two enumerators are appointed for each polling division and work as a pair, although one or more than two may be appointed by the returning officer if necessary.

Enumerators are appointed from lists supplied by the registered political parties whose candidates finished first and second in the last election in the electoral district.

GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR

Easily identifiable by their bright yellow badges, enumerators will visit every house, every apartment unit, every residence and all institutions in their polling divisions. Enumerators are instructed to ask three basic questions to verify if each elector is:

- (1) a Canadian citizen;
- (2) 18 years of age or older by polling day;
- (3) ordinarily resident in the polling division on Monday, the 35th day before polling day.

Information is taken for all eligible electors in the household, including people who may be temporarily absent.

ELECTOR INFORMATION CARD

The enumerators will leave an *Elector Information Card*, which is like the Notice of Enumeration cards used at previous elections, for each eligible elector in the household. These cards contain information detailing the dates, times and locations for voting at advance polls; the date, time and location for voting on polling day; whether these locations have level access; and the telephone number and address of the local Elections Canada office.

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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION CARD

Enumerators are instructed to make at least two visits to each home to try to register electors. If they find no one at home on their last visit, they leave a *Mail-In Registration Card*. This card can be filled out by an elector on behalf of all eligible electors in the home, and mailed to the local Elections Canada office to have the names registered on the voters list for that polling division.

INTERFERENCE

The *Canada Elections Act* states that it is an offence to obstruct enumerators in the performance of their duties. As well, the Act specifically authorizes enumerators to enter any apartment building or other multiple residence building during reasonable hours for the purpose of enumerating electors.

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