



BILL NO. 187

Government Bill

*2nd Session, 63rd General Assembly
Nova Scotia
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**An Act to Amend Chapter 1
(1992 Supplement)
of the Revised Statutes, 1989,
the House of Assembly Act**

CHAPTER 32
ACTS OF 2019

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
OCTOBER 30, 2019**

The Honourable Mark Furey
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Section 4 of Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *House of Assembly Act*, is repealed and the following Section substituted:

4 (1) The House is composed of fifty-five members, of whom one is elected from each of the fifty-five electoral districts named as follows:

Annapolis
Antigonish
Argyle
Bedford Basin
Bedford South
Cape Breton Centre–Whitney Pier
Cape Breton East
Chester–St. Margaret’s
Clare
Clayton Park West
Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley
Colchester North
Cole Harbour
Cole Harbour–Dartmouth
Cumberland North
Cumberland South
Dartmouth East
Dartmouth North
Dartmouth South
Digby–Annapolis
Eastern Passage
Eastern Shore
Fairview–Clayton Park
Glace Bay–Dominion

Guysborough–Tracadie
Halifax Armdale
Halifax Atlantic
Halifax Chebucto
Halifax Citadel–Sable Island
Halifax Needham
Hammonds Plains–Lucasville
Hants East
Hants West
Inverness
Kings North
Kings South
Kings West
Lunenburg
Lunenburg West
Northside–Westmount
Pictou Centre
Pictou East
Pictou West
Preston
Queens
Richmond
Sackville–Cobequid
Sackville–Uniacke
Shelburne
Sydney–Membertou
Timberlea–Prospect
Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River
Victoria–The Lakes
Waverley–Fall River–Beaver Bank
Yarmouth

(2) The boundaries of the electoral districts are as recommended in the final report, dated April 2019, of the independent electoral boundaries commission appointed pursuant to Section 5.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall make a **digital map** showing the boundaries referred to in subsection (2) publicly accessible on the Elections Nova Scotia website.

2 (1) Subsection 7(1) of Chapter 1 is repealed.

(2) Subsection 7(2) of Chapter 1, as amended by Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, is further amended by striking out “set out in” in the first and second lines and substituting “determined by”.

(3) Subsection 7(3) of Chapter 1, as enacted by Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, is amended by striking out “described” in the first line and substituting “recommended in the final report referred to”.

(4) Subsection 7(4) of Chapter 1 is repealed.

3 (1) Notwithstanding Section 4, on, from and after the day this Act receives Royal Assent all necessary steps may be taken to establish constituency organizations based on the electoral districts contained in this Act including, for greater certainty, the appointment of officials and committees and the transfer of assets from the constituency organizations that existed before this Act received Royal Assent.

(2) When a constituency organization is established in accordance with subsection (1), the Chief Electoral Officer shall, notwithstanding Section 4, recognize and deal with the new constituency organization for the purpose of performing the functions of the Chief Electoral Officer.

(3) All actions taken pursuant to subsection (1) are effective on, from and after the date they are taken but not before January 1, 2020.

4 Sections 1 and 2 have effect on and after the dissolution or the determination by the effluxion of time of the present House of Assembly or on and after March 1, 2020, whichever is later.
