AMENDMENT IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

BILL 42

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES ACT

1. Clause 1 of the Bill is deleted and the following substituted:

RSNL1990 cE-4 as amended

1. (1) Section 6 of the *Electoral Boundaries Act* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following:

(1.1) For the purpose of the appointment of a commission in 2015, the speaker of the House of Assembly shall appoint the members of the commission not more than 5 days after the appointment of the chairperson under section 3.

(2) Section 6 of the Act is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following:

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the appointments of the members of a commission in 2015 shall lapse after the expiration of 120 days after the appointment of the chairperson under section 3.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may by order, extend the time period referred to in subsection (3) for one additional period of not more than 10 days.

(5) Where a commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2015 does not report as required by this Act, the failure to report shall not in any way affect the requirement for a general election under an Act of the province, and a general election shall be held in accordance with that legislation.

(6) Where a commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2015 lapses without the commission having submitted a report in the time frame required under subsection (3), a commission

shall be appointed in the calendar year 2016, and all references in this Act to a requirement of or a consideration by a commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2015 shall apply, with the necessary changes, to the commission appointed in 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This amendment would amend clause one of the Bill to clarify that a commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2015 lapses after the expiration of 120 days after the appointment of a chairperson under section 3, unless extended for a period of not more than 10 days.

The amendment would also provide that where a commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2015 does not report in the required period, that failure to report does not affect the requirement for a general election under an Act of the province, and a general election shall be held in accordance with that legislation.

The amendment would further provide that, where a commission appointed in 2015 lapses without having submitted a report, a commission shall be appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2016, and all references to requirements of or considerations by the commission in 2015 apply, with the necessary changes, to the commission appointed for the purpose of preparing a report in 2016.

AMENDMENT IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

BILL 42

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES ACT

1. Clause 2 of the Bill is deleted and the following substituted:

2. Section 13 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Redistribution and population quotient

13. (1) In the calendar year 2015 the commission shall divide the province into 40 proposed one-member districts.

(2) In the calendar year beginning in 2026, and every 10 calendar years after that, the commission shall, as soon as is convenient after March 31, divide the province into 40 proposed one-member districts.

(3) The commission shall determine a quotient for each proposed district by dividing the total population of the province by the number 39.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), for the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, the commission shall determine a quotient for each proposed district by dividing the total population of the province by the number 36.

(5) For the purpose of establishing the quotient under subsection (3), the population of the province shall be taken as in the latest census figures available under the *Statistics Act* (Canada) on March 31 of the calendar year in which the quotient is being established, irrespective of when those census figures were actually taken.

(6) For the purpose of establishing the quotient under subsection (4), the population of the province shall be taken as in the latest census figures available under the *Statistics Act* (Canada) when the quotient is

being established, irrespective of when those census figures were actually taken.

(7) For the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, the total population of the province shall, for the purpose of subsection (4), be considered not to include that portion of the total population living within the area of the province comprising Labrador.

(8) For the purpose of subsection (3), the total population of the province shall be considered not to include that portion of the total population living within the area of the province comprising the district proposed by the commission under subsection 15(4).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment would amend clause 2 of the Bill to increase the number of proposed one-member districts which the commission may recommend to 40. It would also make other related changes for the purpose of the calculation of the population quotient.

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BILL 42

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES ACT

1. Clause 3 of the Bill is amended by deleting the proposed paragraph 14(2)(b) and substituting the following:

(b) lay a copy before the Legislature within 10 days after the report is submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment would amend clause 3 of the Bill to require that a commission report be tabled in the Legislature within 10 days after the report is submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

AMENDMENT IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

BILL 42

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES ACT

1. Clause 4 of the Bill is deleted and the following substituted:

4. (1) Paragraph 15(3)(a) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

(a) the community of interests of the residents of those communities of the province that are not connected by road; or

(2) Section 15 of the Act is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:

(3.1) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3), for the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, the commission may recommend the creation of not more than 2 districts on the island portion of the province with a population that departs from the quotient established under section 13 and the deviation permitted under subsection (3) where that departure, in the opinion of the commission, is warranted on the basis of those considerations referred to in subsection (3).

(3) Subsection 15(6) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

(6) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, for the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, the commission shall divide the Labrador portion of the province into 4 proposed districts, including the district referred to in subsection (4), and shall, in describing the boundaries of those districts, consider their historical boundaries.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This amendment would amend clause 4 of the Bill

- to require that, for the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, there be 4 proposed districts in Labrador; and

- for the purpose of the commission's report in 2015, to authorize the commission to propose the creation of no more than 2 districts on the island portion of the province which may vary from the prescribed quotient.