



**FROM JANUARY 2 TO
MAY 31, 2016,**

your municipal council must draw an electoral map in preparation for the general elections to be held in November 2017. Creating municipal electoral districts marks the beginning of the municipal electoral process.

Where can I go for more information?

- Contact your municipal clerk or secretary-treasurer
- Send an e-mail to info@electionsquebec.qc.ca or visit our Web site at electionsquebec.qc.ca
- Call our Information Centre at **1-888-ELECTION** (1-888-353-2846)



The deaf or hearing impaired may dial our toll-free number: 1-800-537-0644

The terms designating persons are aimed at both women and men.

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**DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL TERRITORY
INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

Voter information



Commission de la représentation
électorale du Québec

WHY CREATE

electoral districts in my municipality?

To ensure everyone is fairly and equally represented at the council table. This promotes a healthy municipal democracy.

Electoral districts must be drawn so that each contains approximately the same number of voters. Furthermore, the boundaries of each district must respect such criteria as physical barriers, demographic trends, boroughs' limits, parish limits, surface area and distance.

WHICH MUNICIPALITIES

must create electoral districts?

- Those with 20,000 inhabitants or more must create electoral districts.
- Those with less than 20,000 inhabitants may choose to create electoral districts. However, once they do so, they are obliged to continue creating electoral districts for every general election from then on, unless they adopt a by-law to the contrary.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE

for adopting a by-law for creating electoral districts?

Your municipality must adopt the by-law before June 1, 2016.

CAN I HELP DRAW

my municipality's electoral map?

Yes. As a voter, you may participate in every stage of the process.

Your municipal council must first divide your municipality into electoral districts.

In order to ensure the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities is respected and municipalities receive the support they need, the Commission de la représentation électorale (CRE) closely monitors the process for creating electoral districts.

Draft by-law

When your municipal council adopts a draft by-law for the creation of electoral districts, the proposed map does not automatically come into effect. The draft by-law is published in a newspaper distributed in your municipality. If you disagree with the proposed draft, you have 15 days after its publication to submit a letter stating your position to your municipal clerk or secretary-treasurer.

If the number of dissenting letters received are sufficient as required by the Act, your municipal council must hold a public meeting, where you may voice your opinion.

By-law

After that public meeting and taking into consideration the comments made during the meeting, the municipality will adopt the by-law for the creation of electoral districts before June 1, 2016, then publish the by-law in a newspaper.

If you are still not satisfied, you again have the opportunity to make yourself heard by sending a petition or letter to the CRE within 15 days of the date on which the by-law was published.

If a sufficient number of people object to the proposed map, as required by the Act, the CRE will then hold a public meeting where you may state your position and present arguments.

The CRE will make the final decision regarding the drawing of the new electoral map and publish its decision in a newspaper distributed in your municipality.