

Acadian Penal Code (Code Pénal Acadien)

Preamble

WHEREAS the **Acadian Bill of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms** [cite: 290-308] [cite_start]guarantees liberty, security of the person, and equality for all citizens;
WHEREAS the **Judicial Organization Act of Acadie** [cite: 437-455] [cite_start]and the **Acadian Code of Penal Procedure** [cite: 414-432] require a clear enumeration of offenses and corresponding penalties to ensure the fair administration of justice;
WHEREAS the nature of the Acadian Nation, defined by its resilience and memory, requires specific protection for its cultural identity, language, and the integrity of its diaspora-based governance;
This Code defines criminal offenses against the Acadian Nation and its people.

Title I: General Provisions and Principles

Article 1. Principle of Legality (*Nullum Crimen Sine Lege*)

No act or omission shall constitute a criminal offense, and no penalty shall be imposed, except in accordance with this Code or other laws of the Acadian Nation. [cite_start]All offenses must be clearly defined by law before the act is committed.

Article 2. Application of Penalties

Penalties shall be imposed with the aim of **rehabilitation**, **restitution to victims**, and the **defense of the community**, strictly avoiding any cruel or unusual punishment.

Article 3. Jurisdiction

The Courts of the Acadian Nation shall have jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed by Acadian citizens, regardless of their location in the global diaspora, where the offense directly impacts the sovereignty, institutions, or a fellow citizen's fundamental rights, as defined by this Code [cite: 446-447].

Title II: Offenses Against the Nation and its Institutions

Article 4. Sedition Against the Nation

1. **Definition:** Any act, conducted with the intent to incite violence or armed insurrection to overthrow, destroy, or prevent the establishment of the democratically mandated institutions (the National Assembly or the Council of Memory and Culture).
2. [cite_start]**Penalty:** Imprisonment or restriction of citizenship rights, as determined by the Supreme Court of Acadie (SCA), with a mandatory review period to assess the potential for rehabilitation.

Article 5. Electoral Fraud and Tampering

1. **Definition:** The intentional manipulation of the **Secure Electronic Balloting System**, the willful misrepresentation of voter registration, or the use of national funds for direct partisan campaigning.
2. **Penalty:** Immediate and permanent disenfranchisement (loss of voting rights) and a ban on holding any elected or appointed office within the Nation, in addition to any appropriate fine or imprisonment.

Article 6. Misappropriation of National Funds

1. **Definition:** Any act of willful theft, misuse, or concealment of assets belonging to the **Acadian Cultural and Educational Fund**, in direct violation of the **Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FATA)**.
2. **Penalty:** Mandatory full restitution of the stolen funds, personal financial liability for the individual, and a permanent ban from any financial or fiduciary role within the Nation.

Title III: Offenses Against Cultural and Linguistic Integrity

Article 7. Acts of Cultural and Memory Vandalism

1. **Definition:** The willful destruction, defacement, or censorship of official Acadian cultural heritage property [cite: 489-490][cite_start], historical monuments, or archival materials essential to the **Duty of Memory**.
2. **Penalty:** Mandatory funding of the restoration or archival work, public apology, and community service focused on cultural preservation.

Article 8. Official Linguistic Suppression

1. **Definition:** Any deliberate action by an official, institution, or program funded by the Nation to deny a citizen the right to communicate with or receive services in an official language, as guaranteed by the **Official Languages Act of Acadie**.
2. **Penalty:** Mandatory retraining and certification in the Official Languages Act, removal from the position responsible for service delivery, and a fine to be directed to the Language Preservation Fund.

Title IV: Offenses Against the Person

Article 9. Aggravated Discrimination and Hate Incitement

1. **Definition:** Any public act or communication that incites or advocates for discrimination, hostility, or violence against any citizen or group based on the protected grounds of the Acadian Bill of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, including ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender expression.
2. **Penalty:** Mandatory education on Acadian history and rights, supervised community engagement with the victimized community, and a suspension of the right to free expression for public communication platforms of the Acadian Nation.

Article 10. Violation of Data Security

1. **Definition:** The willful and unauthorized access, collection, transfer, or sale of personal data from the **Acadian Citizenship Register**, in violation of the **Acadian Citizenship Registration and Data Protection Act**.
2. [cite_start]**Penalty:** Strict fines imposed by the Data Protection Commission (DPC) [cite: 350-352], and potential imprisonment proportional to the severity of the breach and the resulting harm to citizens' privacy and security.

Proclamation and Enactment

English

PROCLAMATION: By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in accordance with the sovereign will of the Acadian people, this **Acadian Penal Code** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this **29th Day of September, 2025**.

Signed:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Supreme Guardian of Acadian Identity, Memory, and Unity.

Français

PROCLAMATION: Par l'autorité dévolue à la Cheffe d'État, et conformément à la volonté souveraine du peuple acadien, ce **Code Pénal Acadien** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entré en vigueur ce **29e jour de septembre 2025**.

Signé:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Reine de l'Acadie, Gardienne Suprême de l'Identité, de la Mémoire et de l'Unité Acadiennes.

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