

Electoral Law for the National Assembly of Acadie

Chapter I: General Principles

Article 1. Purpose

This Law establishes the rules, qualifications, and procedures for the democratic election of members to the National Assembly, as mandated by the Organic Law of Acadie.

Article 2. Franchise and Eligibility

- Voters:** Every Acadian citizen, as defined in Article 2 of the Organic Law, who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years shall have the right to vote in elections for the National Assembly.
- Candidates:** Any eligible voter may stand as a candidate, provided they meet any additional criteria established by the National Assembly concerning linguistic proficiency and commitment to Acadian culture.

Article 3. Electoral Authority

The **Council of Memory and Culture** (Article 5 of the Organic Law) shall establish an independent **Electoral Commission of Acadie (ECA)**, responsible for managing elections, verifying citizenship rolls, and resolving disputes.

Chapter II: Constituency Structure (The Diaspora Model)

Article 4. Composition of the National Assembly

The National Assembly shall consist of twenty-one (21) seats allocated as follows, reflecting the geographic reality of the Acadian diaspora:

Constituency (Région)	Seats
Maritimes (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI)	7
Québec	4
Louisiana (Cajun Country)	4
France (Including other European Diaspora)	3
Global Diaspora (Rest of World)	3

Article 5. Term and Frequency

Members of the National Assembly shall be elected for a fixed term of four (4) years. Elections

shall be held on the first Monday of August, the month dedicated to the National Holiday (*Fête Nationale des Acadiens*).

Chapter III: Voting Procedure

Article 6. Diaspora Voting System

Due to the non-territorial nature of the Nation, elections shall be conducted using a **Secure Electronic Balloting System** managed by the ECA.

1. **Registration:** Citizens must register with the ECA, designating their primary Constituency based on their current residence.
2. **Voting:** Voting shall take place over a period of seven (7) days to accommodate time differences across the Global Diaspora.
3. **Method:** A simple plurality (first-past-the-post) system shall be used within each Constituency to determine the winners of the allocated seats.

Article 7. Candidacy and Nomination

Candidates must be nominated by at least fifty (50) registered voters from their respective Constituency and must submit a declaration affirming their commitment to uphold the Universal Declaration of Acadie and the Organic Law.

Chapter IV: Transition of Power

Article 8. First Election

The Council of Memory and Culture shall mandate the ECA to organize the first general election for the National Assembly within eighteen (18) months of the enactment of this Law.

Article 9. Swearing-In

Elected members shall be formally sworn in by the Queen of Acadie, affirming an oath to serve the Acadian people and protect the Nation's memory, language, and culture.

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 **Electoral Law for the National Assembly of Acadie** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this 27th 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, cette **Loi Électorale pour l'Assemblée Nationale de l'Acadie** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce 27^e 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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