

National Finance and Budget Law (NFBL) of Acadie

Preamble

WHEREAS the financial resources of the Acadian Nation are a sacred trust, designated solely for the advancement and protection of the Acadian people's collective life, memory, and culture; **WHEREAS** the **Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FATA)** establishes the principles of auditing and transparency; this Law shall provide the legislative structure for the annual financial cycle, budget preparation, and parliamentary oversight, consistent with international principles of fiscal good governance and the right to culture (ICESCR, Article 15). **WHEREAS** the **Organic Law of Acadie** mandates the establishment of the Acadian Cultural and Educational Fund ("the Fund") to secure the nation's inheritance;

Title I: The Financial Mandate and Fiscal Year

Article 1. Fiscal Year

The official fiscal year of the Acadian Nation shall commence on **January 1st** and end on **December 31st** of the same calendar year.

Article 2. Consolidated Fund

All financial assets, contributions, grants, levies, and revenues of the Acadian Nation shall be deposited into the **Acadian Cultural and Educational Fund** (the Fund), which shall operate as the Nation's single Consolidated Fund.

Article 3. Budgetary Principle

The principle of a **Balanced Budget** is mandatory. Annual expenditures approved by the National Assembly shall not exceed the reasonably projected annual income for the same fiscal year.

Title II: The Annual Budgetary Process

Article 4. Preparation of the Draft Budget

1. **Executive Authority:** The **Council of Memory and Culture (CMC)**, acting as the Fund's primary custodian, shall prepare and submit a detailed Draft Budget for the upcoming fiscal year no later than **October 1st** annually.
2. **Content:** The Draft Budget must explicitly detail all projected revenues and propose expenditures, categorized by their direct alignment with the legislative mandates (e.g., Language Promotion, Cultural Stewardship, Institutional Operations, Treaty Obligations).

Article 5. Legislative Review and Adoption

1. **Review:** The **National Assembly** shall have ninety (90) days to review, debate, and amend the Draft Budget.

2. **Transparency:** All budget debates and votes in the National Assembly must be conducted publicly, in adherence to the principles of transparency outlined in the FATA.
3. **Adoption:** The National Assembly shall adopt the final **Appropriations Act** (Loi de Finances) no later than **December 31st** of the preceding year. No expenditure may be made without a corresponding appropriation established by this Act.

Article 6. Interim Spending Authority

In the event the Appropriations Act is not adopted by December 31st, the Council of Memory and Culture is authorized to continue spending for essential institutional operations at no more than **80%** of the previous fiscal year's monthly allocation, until the new Appropriations Act is passed.

Title III: Expenditure Control and Oversight

Article 7. Internal Financial Control

The Council of Memory and Culture shall establish and maintain robust internal financial controls to ensure that all expenditures comply with the approved Appropriations Act and the principle of **non-partisanship**.

Article 8. Oversight by the Auditor General

1. **Mandate:** The **Independent Auditor General**, appointed by the National Assembly, shall have immediate and unfettered access to all books, records, and documents related to the Fund's finances at any time.
2. **Oversight Role:** The Auditor General shall perform a **compliance audit** of the annual financial statements and report directly to the National Assembly on whether the funds were expended lawfully, efficiently, and in accordance with the legislative mandates of the Nation.

Article 9. Penalties and Enforcement

Violations of this Law, including the willful use of funds for unapproved or partisan activities, shall be considered a violation of the FATA and shall subject the responsible individuals to immediate removal from office and prosecution under the Acadian Code of Penal Procedure.

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 **National Finance and Budget Law (NFBL) of Acadie** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this **28th 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 Nationale des Finances et du Budget (LNFB) de l'Acadie** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce **28e 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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