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An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act

CHAPTER 1 ACTS OF 2025

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *House of Assembly Act*, is amended by
 - (a) renumbering Section 5A as 5B; and
 - (b) adding immediately after Section 5 the following Section:
 - 5A (1) In this Section, "commission" means the independent electoral boundaries commission appointed pursuant to this Section.
 - (2) No later than thirty days after this Section comes into force, a select committee of the House constituted to appoint a commission shall appoint the members of a commission to recommend electoral boundaries to provide effective representation of the Acadian region of Chéticamp and area, and issue terms of reference to the commission.
 - (3) Section 5 applies to the commission appointed under subsection (2), with necessary changes, except
 - (a) the commission's principal mandate is to recommend electoral boundaries to provide effective representation of the Acadian region of Chéticamp and area; and
 - (b) the commission shall recommend such changes to the boundaries of electoral districts established by subsection 4(2) as are necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of subsection 5(5B) and the commission's terms of reference.
 - (4) For greater certainty, the boundaries adopted following the report by the commission appointed under subsection (2) are subject to recommendations by a subsequent commission appointed under Section 5.