FEATE

Bill # 7/ An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act (amended)

CHANGE RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

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2 Section 2 of Chapter 61 is amended by adding "(1)" immediately after the Section number and adding the following subsection:

(2) Section 5 of Chapter 1 is further amended by adding immediately after subsection (8) the following subsections:

(9) The House shall, without delay and upon the coming into force of this subsection, and in any case not later than the seventh day of June, 2013, appoint and issue terms of reference to an independent electoral boundaries commission in the manner set out in this Section.

(10) The terms of reference issued by the select committee of the House must include the consideration of the Province's linguistic and cultural diversity, in particular, the Province's Acadian and African Nova Scotia population, in such a way that minority representation is not superseded by, but rather balanced with, voter parity.

(11) The final report of the commission shall be laid before the House in the manner set out in this Section, not later than the thirtieth day of August, 2013.

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