



Motion Regarding the Defense of the Franchise of SSMU Members

Whereas the Government of Quebec and various media outlets have explicitly raised doubts about the eligibility of students, especially Anglophones, to vote in the upcoming provincial elections, called for April 7th, 2014, due to questions of domicile;

Whereas articles 76, 77, and 78 of the Quebec Civil Code are principally responsible for defining domicile, including for the purpose of voting in provincial elections;

Whereas it is not unreasonable to assume that members of the SSMU attempting to register to vote in the provincial general election of April 7th meet the requirements of Quebec law, have made Quebec the seat of their principal establishment, and have acted with the intention of doing so;

Be it resolved that the SSMU work with McGill University, where appropriate, to offer support and resources to students who have been denied the right to register to vote due to interpretation of Quebec's "domicile" requirement in the Quebec provincial election of April 7th, 2014;

Be it further resolved that the SSMU take a public stance in defense of its members' rights to vote in the upcoming provincial election, including by way of (but not limited to) press release, sent out no later than Monday, March 31st, 2014.

Respectfully moved,

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Sukhmeet Singh Sachal (Science Representative)
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