

**NUNATSIAVUT ASSEMBLY
(IL 2020-03)**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NUNATSIAVUT ASSEMBLY ACT, (2020)

WHEREAS the Nunatsiavut Assembly reaffirms its commitment to open and transparent democracy by having Members of the Assembly convening to meet in person in the Chamber to conduct the business of importance to Inuit;

AND WHEREAS it has nonetheless become apparent that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, flexibility is necessary to ensure for the safe proceedings of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, within the confines of Inuit Law;

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Amendment Act, 2020*.

Interpretation

2. Words and phrases used in this Act have the same meaning as they have in the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*.

Amendment concerning method of attendance

3. Section 40 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* is deleted and replaced with the following:

40. (1) Other than the Members required for a quorum for a Sitting of the Assembly under section 41, all other Members must attend Sitzings of the Assembly either in person or, if approved by the Speaker in exceptional circumstances, by an electronic means as specified and permitted in Standing Orders made in accordance with section 84.

(2) A member of a Committee may participate in a meeting of the Committee by means of telephone or other communication facilities that permit all members participating in the meeting to hear each other and a member of a Committee participating in a meeting by those means is deemed for all purposes to be present at that meeting.

Amendment concerning Standing Orders

4. Section 84 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* is amended by inserting the following subsection immediately after subsection 84(1):


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84 (1.1) Despite subsection (1) the Assembly must not establish any Standing Order or group of Standing Orders concerning the attendance of Members at Assembly sittings by electronic means unless such Standing Order or group of Standing Orders:

- (a) is clearly stated to be established with respect to a specific public health emergency that is recognized by public health authorities in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- (b) has effect for a duration of not more than 18 months.


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