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(Private)

## **An Act to declare an officiant's competence**

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## **Bill 241**

(Private)

### **AN ACT TO DECLARE AN OFFICIANT'S COMPETENCE**

AS, in accordance with article 366 of the Civil Code, the Minister of Justice may designate a borough council member as an officiant competent to solemnize marriages;

AS such designation is linked to the borough council member's office and is, consequently, valid only within the territory defined in the member's instrument of designation and for the term indicated therein;

AS, on 18 October 2016, the Minister of Justice designated Gilles Déziel as an officiant competent to solemnize marriages and civil unions within the territory of Ville de Montréal, as long as he held the office of borough councillor or until 5 November 2017, the date of the municipal election;

AS, on 5 November 2017, Gilles Déziel was re-elected councillor of the borough of Rivière-des-Prairies–Pointe-aux-Trembles in Ville de Montréal;

AS, on 22 February 2018, in the name of the Minister of Justice, the registrar of civil status designated Gilles Déziel as an officiant competent to solemnize marriages and civil unions within the territory of Ville de Montréal, as long as he held the office of borough councillor or until 5 November 2021, the date of the municipal election;

AS the registrar of civil status registered Gilles Déziel in the register of officiants under number 63764;

AS Gilles Déziel was not a competent officiant within the meaning of the Civil Code between 5 November 2017 and 21 February 2018;

AS the marriages and civil unions solemnized by Gilles Déziel during that time were solemnized despite the absence of this competence;

AS it is important for Gilles Déziel, and in the general interest, that his competence to solemnize marriages be declared for the period from 5 November 2017 to 21 February 2018 inclusively;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** Gilles Déziel, whose registration number in the registrar of civil status' register of officiants is 63764, is declared to have been competent to solemnize marriages within the meaning of article 366 of the Civil Code for the period from 5 November 2017 to 21 February 2018 inclusively.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on 15 June 2018.