



Sauve v. Canada (Chief Electoral Officer 2002 SCC 68 (CanLII))

Richard Sauve, an inmate of a federal prison, challenged a section of the *Canada Elections Act* that denied federal inmates serving a sentence of more than two years the right to vote in federal elections. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the law violated Sauve's democratic rights (s.3 right to vote) and could not be justified by section 1 of the Charter.

Questions:

1. Do you agree with the courts decision? Why or why not?
2. This inmate casts his ballot for the federal election at the Montreal Detention Centre. All inmates in federal and provincial institutions nom have the not to vote in federal elections. Should they be allowed to vote?

Explain your reasoning.

