

**DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) LAW 200- (P.132/2001): FOURTH AMENDMENT**

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*Omit paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) and re-number the remaining paragraphs accordingly.*

CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER

## **Report**

The proposal is that a nomination for Centenier should be given to the Connétable before the second day before the nomination meeting so that reasonable enquiry may be made as to whether that person has been convicted of such offences as may be prescribed by the States by Regulations. At present, checks undertaken on a person wishing to serve as a member of the Honorary Police take several days and often a couple of weeks. The proposed time period is insufficient to enable that enquiry to be made and to have the results available to report both to the Attorney General and to the nomination meeting.

An amendment to allow a period of fourteen days for such enquiry to be made, which is more realistic, has been considered but would require a consequential amendment to Article 19(4)(a) where notice has to be published in the Jersey Gazette on at least four days (not counting a Sunday) before the day when the nomination meeting is held. This would extend the time period for an election and is not considered acceptable.

The amendment therefore proposes that paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) should be deleted and the remaining paragraphs renumbered as the Article, as worded, is not practicable and there is no provision as to the procedure to be followed at a nomination meeting if the enquiry has not been concluded and the result is not known.

As a nomination meeting must be held at least 21 days before the day fixed for the poll (see Article 19(1)) there is sufficient time to undertake the necessary enquiry between the date of the nomination meeting and the date the person, duly elected, is presented to the Royal Court to take the oath of office.

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States of Jersey arising from this amendment.