

STATES OF JERSEY

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COMPOSITION OF THE STATES: REVISED STRUCTURE AND REFERENDUM (P.75/2007) – THIRD AMENDMENTS (P.75/2007 AMD.(3))– COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 16th July 2007
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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COMMENTS

Amendment (1)

PPC does not support this amendment which is almost identical to the proposition of the former Special Committee that was rejected in 2004 by 2 votes to 49.

The Committee has made it clear in its proposition (P.75/2007) that it believes that a direct link between the Parishes and the States should continue in any reformed structure. The Committee has proposed that this should be done through the Connétables, and Deputy Baudains' amendment has proposed a further direct link through Deputies elected on a Parish or constituency basis as at present. If Deputy Southern's amendment is adopted there would be no dedicated Parish representatives in the States and PPC does not consider this is acceptable. In addition the Committee would point out that under Deputy Southern's amendment there would appear to be nothing to prevent the Connétable of one parish standing in a large constituency that did not include his or her own parish and PPC believes that this could lead to a conflict of loyalties for the member concerned.

Amendment (2)

PPC accepts this amendment. In response to a letter from the Comité des Connétables PPC agreed at its meeting of 11th July 2007 that it would set up a small Working Group in conjunction with representatives of the Comité to look at ways of improving the electoral registration process and ensuring that everything possible is done to ensure the accuracy of the registers.

Amendment (3)

PPC accepts this amendment. The Committee's intention in referring solely to Ministers was that a change to spring/early summer elections could have an impact on the timetable for matters such as the lodging and debate of the Annual Business Plan and the Committee therefore needs to discuss the matter with Ministers to understand that impact. PPC is nevertheless happy to accept the amendment and extend the consultation to all members.