

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

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REPORT

On 16th December 2002, the Comité des Connétables recommended that for elections of Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public it would be enough if polling stations were open between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. as at present. The Legislation Committee has recommended that this be extended to start at 12 noon to allow lunchtime voting. The Comité des Connétables agreed to that recommendation on 11th March 2003.

To permit this it is necessary simply to make Regulations under Article 30 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 prescribing a new starting hour for polls.

In addition, the timing of the introduction of new software for the preparation of electoral registers has become clear. It is appropriate now to change the date for the preparation of the next electoral registers to 1st July 2004 (instead of 1st July 2003). After that, a three-yearly frequency is set up, starting on 1st July 2006. This frequency is what was envisaged in the Law when it was passed. To maintain internal logic in the Law, Article 7(1), though not in force, is amended so that the first date for the sending out of register statements by Connétables would be 1st May 2004 (instead of 1st May 2003).

Financial/manpower statement

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of these draft Regulations.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations change critical dates in the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 for the preparation of electoral registers and for the sending out of register statements. They also fix 12 noon as the time for the opening of the poll in elections of Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public. This is instead of 8 a.m. The closing time remains 8 p.m.



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Coming into force

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THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 13, 30 and 72 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,^[1] have made the following Regulations –

1 Dates when next electoral registers to be prepared: Article 6 of Law

In Article 6(1) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,^[2] for the expression “for 1st July 2003” there shall be substituted the expression “for 1st July 2004, for 1st July 2006”.

2 Date for sending out statements each year: Article 7 of Law

In Article 7(1) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,^[3] for the expression “1st May 2003” there shall be substituted the expression “1st May 2004”.

3 Time when poll starts in elections of Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public: Article 30 of Law^[4]

In every public election, being a public election of one or more Centeniers or Procureurs du Bien Public, the time for the opening of the poll shall be 12 noon.

4 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Elections (Jersey) Regulations 200 and shall come into force on the seventh day after they are made.

[1] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, pages 326, 335 and 362.*

[2] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 322 and No. 43/2002.*

[3] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 323 and No. 43/2002.*

[4] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 335.*