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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(23rd Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)14th July 2021**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier, Chair
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chair
 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier
 Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin
 Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence

In attendance -

K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Draft Public
 Elections
 (Miscellaneous
 Amendments)
 Law 202-
 Amendments -
 Presentation of
 Comments

A1. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. B1 of 7th June 2021, recalled that it had lodged the draft Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Law 202- ('draft Law') on 8th June 2021 (P.56/2021). The Committee had previously noted that the Comité des Connétables had lodged four amendments to the draft Law as follows:

1. Amd: proposed to alter the definition of "nomination day" to provide that the electoral register for an electoral district was the register in force at midday on the day before the nomination period opened.
2. Amd 2: proposed that, in addition to meeting the costs of printing the ballot papers, the States should meet "the costs incurred" which could include other costs such as the hire/use of premises as polling stations.
3. Amd 3: proposed that the electoral administrator for a parish was the Secretary of the parish unless another employee of the parish was appointed as the electoral administrator instead.
4. Amd 4: Article 3 of the Loi (1804) au sujet des assemblées paroissiales provided that the Deputies of the States had the right to attend, but not to vote, in the Assembly of the Parish that they represented or in which the constituency that they represented was situated. This amendment reflected that the proposed constituencies for Deputy may comprise more than one parish.

In that regard, the Committee received and considered a draft comments paper which accepted all four amendments. The Committee approved the comments paper and requested the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be presented to the Assembly as soon as practicable.

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