

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (JERSEY) LAW 2012 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 201-

**Lodged au Greffe on 20th February 2012
by the Chief Minister**

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REPORT

On 20th October 2009 the States of Jersey agreed, in principle, to the Chief Minister's proposition (P.136/2009) "that same-sex couples should be permitted to enter into a Civil Partnership and [requested] the Chief Minister to bring forward for approval by the States the necessary draft legislation to give effect to the proposal".

Following the States decision, law drafting work commenced to produce an appropriate Law and amend all primary legislation already in existence that required substantial amendment to give effect to the policy. The Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 201- (P.85/2011) was adopted by the States on 12th July 2011 and has now received Royal Assent and has been registered in the Royal Court (see [L.4/2012](#)).

Following adoption of the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012 by the States, the second phase of law drafting commenced, to amend all relevant subordinate legislation and any remaining primary legislation in order to ensure that civil partners are treated, so far as possible, in the same way as married couples. Those amendments are presented as the Draft Civil Partnerships (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and have been lodged "au Greffe" in time for debate by the States on 20th March 2012.

This Appointed Day Act will bring the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012 into force on 2nd April 2012. The Civil Partnerships (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201- will also come into effect on this date, subject to approval by the States. If the States approve the Appointed Day Act and the Regulations, 2 Orders will be made under the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012, namely the Civil Partnership (Approved Premises) (Jersey) Order 2012 and the Civil Partnership (Forms, Registration and Fees) (Jersey) Order 2012, which will also come into force at the same time as the Law.

Financial and manpower implications

Members are invited to refer back to P.85/2011 and note that no further resource implications have been identified.

Explanatory Note

This Act will bring the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012 into force on 2nd April 2012.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 73 of the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012¹, have made the following Act –

1 Commencement of Law

The Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012² shall come into force on 2nd April 2012.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012 (Appointed Day) Act 201-.

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- ¹ L.4/2012
² L.4/2012