

# STATES OF JERSEY

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## **DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) LAW 2002 (APPOINTED DAY) (No. 2)ACT 200-**

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### **REPORT**

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The Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, with the exception of several Articles, was brought into force on 5th June 2002. This Act will bring into force those parts of Articles 6 and 7 that were not brought into force at that time.

Article 6(6) provides for the electoral registers to be arranged in two lists, one in alphabetical order of the persons' names and one in street order of the persons' addresses. The computer systems available to the Parishes to date have been unable to produce the register in street order and so this Article was not brought into force in 2002. However, a new computer program has been written and installed in all Parishes to meet the requirements of the Public Elections Law and the electoral registers prepared for 1st July 2004 will therefore be produced in the two lists required by Article 6(6). This Article may therefore be brought into force from 1st July 2004.

The new program will also be used to send to every unit of dwelling accommodation a statement to gather information about the persons resident at that address who are entitled to have their names included on the electoral registers. These statements will be sent in accordance with Article 7(1) and the form of the statement is set out in separate draft Regulations to be approved by the States.

Since the introduction of the Public Elections law, the Parishes have been maintaining the electoral registers on a temporary system pending receipt of the new program. It is not possible to migrate from the current to the new program the names of those on the existing electoral registers. Thus, for 2004 only, the statements to be sent out in accordance with Article 7(1) will not contain the names of those on the electoral registers as set out in Article 7(1)(b) and so this sub-paragraph will be brought into force on 1st January 2005. However, the Article 7(1)(a) and (c), (2) and (3) will be brought into force on 6th April 2004 so that the statements may be sent out not later than 1st May 2004 in accordance with Article 7(1).

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from the adoption of this draft Act by the States.

## **Explanatory Note**

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This Act brings certain provisions of Article 7 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 into force on 6th April 2004. They relate to the annual statements to be sent to each household as part of the process of updating the registers.

The Act also brings into force further provisions of the Law on 1st January 2005 (in time for the sending out of the annual statements for the year 2005). They are Article 6(6), which relates to the setting out in electoral registers, and Article 7(1)(b), which requires the annual statements to recite the names that already appear in respect of each household on the register currently in force.





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*Made*

*[date to be inserted]*

*Coming into force*

*[date to be inserted]*

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Article 75(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,<sup>[1]</sup> have made the following Act –

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### **1 Commencement of certain provisions of Article 7 of Law**

Article 7(1)(a) and (c), (2), (3) and (5) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002<sup>[2]</sup> shall come into force on 6th April 2004.

### **2 Commencement of Articles 6(6) and 7(1)(b) of Law**

Article 6(6) and Article 7(1)(b) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002<sup>[3]</sup> shall come into force on 1st January 2005.

### **3 Citation**

This Act may be cited as the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 200-.

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[1] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 364.*

[2] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 323.*

[3] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, pages 322 and 323.*