

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT WILLS AND SUCCESSIONS (AMENDMENT No. 2) (JERSEY) LAW 2013 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 201-

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by the Chief Minister**

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REPORT

The Draft Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.38/2013) (“the Law”) was adopted by the States on 18th June 2013 and, having received Royal Assent, was registered by the Royal Court on 18th October 2013. The purpose of this draft Act is to bring the Law into force on 1st January 2014.

The principal effect of the Law is to establish the equivalent of a right of dower between spouses irrespective of gender, and to abolish the existing right of a male surviving spouse to viduité. This means that dower is extended so that effectively it becomes a right enjoyed not only by widows, but also by widowers, in relation to the immovable property of the other spouse. Both sexes and civil partners will therefore enjoy the same right, in the same proportions and upon the same terms. This Law contains amendments of the Wills and Succession (Jersey) Law 1993 Law to secure these ends.

The Law also abolishes the requirement for a marriage to be consummated in order to claim dower. This ensures that spouses and civil partners are treated equally.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this draft Appointed Day Act

Explanatory Note

This Act would bring the Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2013 into force on 1st January 2014. The Law was adopted by the States on 18th June 2013 (P.38/2013).



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Made [date to be inserted]
Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 11 of the Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2013¹, have made the following Act –

1 Law commenced

The Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2013² shall come into force on 1st January 2014.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Wills and Successions (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2013 (Appointed Day) Act 201-.

¹ *L.16/2013*
² *L.16/2013*