

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSITION

PUBLIC ELECTIONS (EXPENDITURE AND DONATIONS) (JERSEY) LAW 2014: PROPOSED REVIEW (P.7/2019)

As adopted by the States on 26th February 2019

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of Deputy Jeremy Martin Maçon of St Saviour, as amended, and, adopting the proposition, requested the Privileges and Procedures Committee to –

- (1) undertake, as part of its current work responding to the report of the election observers, a review of the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Law 2014 and how it had been implemented, focusing in particular on –
 - (a) introducing a process for confirmation to candidates that a declaration of expenditure had been submitted;
 - (b) introducing a validation process, by which candidates had an opportunity to correct any errors in their declaration;
 - (c) ensuring that candidates were reminded of the deadline for submitting their declaration at least 5 working days before the deadline to do so;
 - (d) extending the ‘reasonable steps’ defence in Article 15 of the Law so that it encompassed illness (mental and physical), bereavement, and absence or incapacity due to medical treatment;
 - (e) ensuring that all candidates made a declaration, even if elected unopposed;
 - (f) introducing a means by which political parties could declare their election costs; and
 - (g) assessing the merits of extending the deadline of 15 working days for the submission of expenditure declarations, under Article 6 of the Law; and
- (2) consult on any recommendations arising from this review; and
- (3) bring forward amendments to the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Law 2014 (and other legislation as necessary) to implement any recommendations arising from this review and to amend references within the Law to “election expenses” to “election costs”, in time for such changes to be enacted no later than the end of 2020.