

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT STATES OF JERSEY (PERIOD FOR ORDINARY ELECTION) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

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REPORT

The immediate purpose of the Regulations is to enable this year's Deputies election to be held on Wednesday 23rd November 2005 instead of on 30th November 2005. Although, as explained in the Explanatory Note, the change is made on a permanent basis and would in theory re-occur in 2011 it is, of course, possible that changes to the current system and/or dates of elections may be agreed before that year.

When preparing the timetable for the period after the elections it became clear to the Committee that it would be very difficult to complete the necessary business and appointments in a timely way before Christmas if the Deputies elections took place on 30th November. Although the Committee considers that it is somewhat unsatisfactory, there is unfortunately no alternative for 2005 other than to debate the Budget 2006 after the Deputies elections but before new members are sworn in.

If the elections are held on 23rd November it will be possible for the Budget debate to take place on Tuesday 29th November 2005 and subsequent days. This will enable the swearing in of new members, and the subsequent election of the Chief Minister, to take place on Monday 5th December 2005. Following that appointment the States will need to reconvene on Thursday 8th December to appoint the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee and the Ministers. A further meeting will be needed to appoint the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and the Scrutiny Panels and yet another meeting to appoint the members of these bodies. Although these last appointments could, in theory, be deferred until January 2006, the Committee considers it would be preferable for the appointments to be made before Christmas so that all aspects of the new system can be operational as effectively as possible in January 2006.

The draft timetable prepared by the Royal Court and the Connétables for the Deputies' elections is already based on the election taking place on 23rd November and there are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from these Regulations.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations would amend the States of Jersey Law 2005 with the effect that the period within which an ordinary election for deputies must be held commences on the 23rd November in every third year, rather than on the 24th.

Assuming that elections continue to be held on a Wednesday, the consequence is that the election in November 2005 will be held on the 23rd November instead of the 30th. The same result would next arise in 2011.



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Made

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Coming into force

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THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 6(3) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, ^[1] have made the following Regulations –

1 Article 6(2) of the Law amended

In Article 6(2) of the States of Jersey Law 2005 for the words “24th November” there shall be substituted the words “23rd November”.

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the States of Jersey (Period for Ordinary Election) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force on the same day as Article 6 of the States of Jersey Law 2005.

[\[1\]](#) *Recueil des Lois, Volume 2005, page 345.*