

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS (JERSEY) LAW 2017 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 201-

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REPORT

The Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017 was adopted by the States Assembly on 1st February 2017 and registered in the Royal Court on 21st April 2017. The Law provides for the creation of a new role of Commissioner for Standards, who will investigate complaints of alleged breaches of the codes of conduct applying to elected States Members and Ministers and report accordingly to the Privileges and Procedures Committee. The Law also sets out the Commissioner's powers in relation to summoning people and records required as part of an investigation.

Standing Order changes are also required to replace the current process by which the Privileges and Procedures Committee investigates complaints of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct applying to elected members and to specify the relationship between the Commissioner and the Committee. These have been lodged separately as P.59/2017.

The recruitment of the Commissioner has commenced and is likely to be brought to a conclusion in late July/early August 2017. Under the terms of the Law, the proposed appointment will be notified to the Assembly for a minimum of 2 weeks before it is made. This Appointed Day Act is necessary to bring the Law into force before the formal process of appointment can be undertaken. It is proposed that the Law will come into force on 24th July 2017.

Financial and manpower implications

The costs associated with the establishment of a Commissioner for Standards were estimated by the Privileges and Procedures Committee (in [P.87/2016](#)) to be of the region of £8,000 to £10,000 per annum, which PPC would find from within the existing States Assembly budget.

Explanatory Note

This Act brings the whole of the Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017 into force on 24th July 2017.



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

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 19 of the Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017¹, have made the following Act –

1 Commencement of Law

The Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017² shall come into force on 24th July 2017.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 2017 (Appointed Day) Act 201-.

¹ L.4/2017
² L.4/2017