

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT CONNÉTABLES (JERSEY) LAW 200 (P.184/2007): AMENDMENTS

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PAGE 13, ARTICLE 1(1) –

For the words “4 years” substitute the words “3 years”.

PAGE 13, ARTICLE 2 –

For the words “fourth year” substitute the words “third year”.

PAGE 15, ARTICLE 8(7) –

For the year “2012” substitute the year “2011”.

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REPORT

This amendment is being proposed simply as a 'fall-back' position.

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has been of the opinion that reform of the electoral system should only be undertaken as a 'complete' package. The Committee has therefore lodged 2 propositions: one to amend the terms of offices for both Senators and Deputies to 4 years (together with the reduction to the number of Senators from 12 to 8) (P.183/2007); the second proposition, P.184/2007, extends the terms of office of Connétable to 4 years (together with a single election day for all Connétables).

Members will note from the reports attached to both those propositions why it is necessary to change in the way proposed. However, it is conceivable that Members might reject P.183/2007. This proposition makes no comment on the likelihood of that eventuality. Should Members reject P.183/2007 it would seem improbable that they would then support a 4 year term for Connétables. These amendments will therefore enable Members to vote for a single election day for Connétables whilst retaining the 3 year term of office, which may be more acceptable.

Should P.183/2007 find favour with the Assembly and be accepted, then these amendments will be withdrawn.

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from these amendments.