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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(26th Meeting)

31st March 2014

(Business conducted by electronic mail)

PART A

All members were present.

Deputy J.M. Maçon, Chairman
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand
 Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement
 Deputy J.A. Martin
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy J.H. Young

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States
 A.C. Goodyear, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Public
 Elections:
 amendments to
 legislation and
 administration
 – draft Public
 Elections
 (Amendment
 No. 5) (Jersey)
 Law 201-
 424/2(88)
 424(13)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. B2 of 6th March 2014, received a revised draft of the Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 201-, and accompanying reports, including an “as amended” version of the Public Elections Law 2002.

The Committee recalled that it had referred any matters arising in respect of the draft legislation to the Chairman and Deputy J.M. Martin and that the present draft had been prepared in accordance with directions provided by the Chairman. The Committee had regard for the content of the draft and the view was expressed that a substitution provision should be provided for in the event that the parish secretary was unable to exercise the function of electoral administrator under the law, or in the event of a vacancy in the office. It was further considered that the costs associated with the provision of a notice to householders in accordance with Article 7A should not fall to the parishes. As there was limited time available in which to lodge the proposition so as to ensure that, if adopted, the legislation would be brought into force in advance of the October 2014 elections, it was proposed that these matters be considered by the Committee at its next scheduled meeting on 10th April 2014 as possible amendments to the Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 201-.

The Committee agreed that, subject to the provision of a statement in relation to human rights compliance, the draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 201- should be lodged *au Greffe* in early course for debate by the States during the meeting of 13th May 2014. The Deputy Greffier was requested to take the necessary action.