

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT LAW REVISION (AMENDMENT) (JERSEY) LAW 200-

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by the Finance and Economics Committee**

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European Convention on Human Rights

The President of the Finance and Economics Committee has made the following statement –

In the view of the Finance and Economics Committee the provisions of the Draft Law Revision (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- are compatible with the Convention Rights.

(Signed) **Senator T.A. Le Sueur**

REPORT

The first revised edition of the laws of Jersey was brought into force by the Law Revision Board in July 2005. It is expected that the first update to the revised edition will be brought into force in spring 2006.

As enacted, the Law Revision (Jersey) Law 2003 required the Law Revision Board to do two things in order to bring the first revised edition into force, in the chosen format of bound books. Firstly, the Board had to sign 4 complete sets of bound books and secondly the Board had to place a notice in the Jersey Gazette bringing the edition into force.

There are two reasons why the Law Revision Board now feels that it should only be required to sign one copy of the authoritative version of a revised edition. There is a concern that, although every effort was made to ensure that the 4 authoritative copies were identical, there is always a risk that, for example, a page might be missing from one copy. In that event, which of the 4 copies is to be taken as correct? Reducing the number of authoritative versions to one eliminates this small risk. The second reason relates to cost. The Board is of the opinion that the format of the authoritative version should continue to be bound books for the foreseeable future. Bound books have the advantage that pages cannot inadvertently be removed from or added to them, nor would it be easy to make such changes deliberately. However, binding is expensive, and a reduction from 4 copies to one will bring with it a saving in production costs.

If the Law were amended as proposed, the Law Revision Board would make appropriate arrangements for the secure storage of the single authorized copy. In the unlikely event that it were destroyed, it would be possible to authorize a new copy, whether recreated from the booklets published by the States Greffe, a DVD copy of the authorized version, retained by the Law Draftsman's Office, or from the Law Draftsman's Office's database.

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this draft Law.

European Convention on Human Rights

Article 16 of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000 will, when brought into force by Act of the States, require the Committee in charge of a *Projet de Loi* to make a statement about the compatibility of the provisions of the *Projet* with the Convention rights (as defined by Article 1 of the Law). Although the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000 is not yet in force, on 20th October 2005 the Finance and Economics Committee made the following statement before Second Reading of this *projet* in the States Assembly –

In the view of the Finance and Economics Committee the provisions of the Draft Law Revision (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- are compatible with the Convention Rights.

Explanatory Note

This Law would amend the Law Revision (Jersey) Law 2003 so as to provide that, rather than signing 4 copies of the authoritative version of a revised edition, the Law Revision Board will only sign one copy.



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Arrangement

Article

- 1 Article 7 amended
- 2 Citation and commencement



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A LAW to amend the Law Revision (Jersey) Law 200-

Adopted by the States [date to be inserted]

Sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council [date to be inserted]

Registered by the Royal Court [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law –

1 Article 7 amended

In Article 7 of the Law Revision (Jersey) Law 2003^[1] –

- (a) paragraph (1)(a) –
 - (i) for the words “4 copies” there shall be substituted the words “one copy”,
 - (ii) the words “or more” shall be deleted;
- (b) in paragraph (2) for the words “the copies” there shall be substituted the words “the copy”.

2 Citation and commencement

This Law may be cited as the Law Revision (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- and shall come into force on the seventh day following its registration.

[1] Chapter 15.420.