

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT No. 3) (JERSEY) LAW 200- (P.2/2008): AMENDMENT (P.2/2008 AMD.)– COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 12th February 2008
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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PPC considers that this amendment is broadly similar in effect to the proposition entitled 'Electoral Reform' (Projet No. P.4/2007 refers), as lodged 'au Greffe' by Deputy G.P. Southern last year, and which was subsequently rejected by the States. The Committee remains firmly of the view that the status quo represents a suitable compromise in terms of ensuring that voters have been afforded sufficient opportunity to understand the political issues affecting the Island and its population. Members should consider very carefully the implications for the wider population of any proposal to allow such persons to vote with a shorter qualifying period of residence before supporting this proposal.