

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) LAW 2002 (APPOINTED DAY) (NO. 2) ACT 200

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REPORT

The Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, with the exception of several Articles, was brought into force on 5th June 2002. This Act will bring into force those parts of Articles 6 and 7 that were not brought into force at that time.

Article 6(6) provides for the electoral registers to be arranged in 2 lists, one in alphabetical order of the persons' names and one in street order of the persons' addresses. The computer systems available to the Parishes to date have been unable to produce the register in street order and so this Article was not brought into force in 2002. However, a new computer program has been written and installed in all Parishes to meet the requirements of the Public Elections Law and, with effect from 1st July 2006, the electoral registers will be produced in the 2 lists required by Article 6(6).

The new program will also be used to send to every unit of dwelling accommodation a statement to gather information about the persons resident at that address who are entitled to have their names included on the electoral registers. These statements will be sent in accordance with Article 7(1) before 1st May 2006 and the form of the statement is set out in separate draft Regulations to be approved by the States.

The new program does not contain the names of persons on the current electoral registers but will be used to send out these statements and so, for 2006 only, the statements will not contain the names of those on the electoral registers as set out in Article 7(1)(b). This subparagraph will be brought into force on 1st January 2007 but Article 7(1)(a) and (c), (2) and (3) will be brought into force on 21st March 2006, if the States agree.

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

Explanatory Note

This Act brings certain provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 into force on 21st March 2006. They relate to the setting out in electoral registers and the annual statements to be sent to each dwelling as part of the process of updating the registers.

The Act also brings into force Article 7(1)(b) of the Law on 1st January 2007 (in time for the sending out of the annual statements for the year 2007). Article 7(1)(b) requires the annual statements to recite the names that already appear in respect of each dwelling on the register currently in force.



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Made

[date to be inserted]

Coming into force

[date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 74(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,^[1] have made the following Act –

1 Commencement of further provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of Law

Article 6(6) and Article 7(1) (except sub-paragraph (b)), (2), (3) and (5) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 shall come into force on 21st March 2006.

2 Commencement of Article 7(1)(b) of Law

Sub-paragraph (b) of Article 7(1) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 shall come into force on 1st January 2007.

3 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 200.

