

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT No. 2) (JERSEY) LAW 200

**Lodged au Greffe on 18th July 2007
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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European Convention on Human Rights

In accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000 the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee has made the following statement –

In the view of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee the provisions of the Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200 are compatible with the Convention Rights.

(Signed) **Connétable D.F. Gray of St. Clement**

REPORT

This short draft amending Law gives effect to the decision of the States taken on 4th July 2007 to lower the voting age from 18 to 16.

Although the Privileges and Procedures Committee is working on a number of other amendments to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 which it hopes to bring forward shortly, the Committee considered that it was important to give effect to the decision of the States on lowering the voting age as soon as possible. The Committee has therefore decided to bring forward this item in isolation.

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

European Convention on Human Rights

Article 16 of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000 requires the Minister 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). On 18th July 2007 the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee made the following statement before Second Reading of this Projet in the States Assembly –

In the view of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee the provisions of the Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200 are compatible with the Convention Rights.

Explanatory Note

This Law would reduce the age at which a person is entitled to have his or her name included on an electoral register from 18 to 16 years.



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A LAW to amend further the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002

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 5 of Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 amended

In Article 5(1)(a) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002^[1], for the words “18 years old’ there shall be substituted the words “16 years old’.

2 Citation and commencement

This Law may be cited as the Public Elections (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200 and shall come into force on such day as the States by Act appoint.

