

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **PUBLIC ELECTIONS: DECLARATION OF DONATIONS EXCEEDING THE CURRENT THRESHOLD FOR DECLARATION IN LAW (P.120/2019) – AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 14th January 2020  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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**1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPHS (a) and (b) –**

At the beginning of both paragraphs (a) and (b) insert the words “subject to public consultation”.

**2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –**

In paragraph (c) after the word “Committee” insert the words “to incorporate these matters in its forthcoming consultation on election expenditure and, subject to the outcome of the consultation,”.

**PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

**Note:** After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

- (a) subject to public consultation to make it a legal requirement for donations received by election candidates and third parties in elections which exceed the current threshold for declaration in the law (£120) to be declared and made publicly available (including online) within 2 days of receipt;
- (b) subject to public consultation in relation to donations to political parties of, or worth, £120 and above –
  - (i) the name of the donor and the value of such donations must be declared to the Judicial Greffier within one week of receipt;
  - (ii) the Greffier should maintain a register, published online and available otherwise for public inspection, showing all of the information declared in respect of each donation to each party; and
  - (iii) anonymous donations should be treated in the same way as anonymous donations are currently treated under the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Law 2014;
- (c) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committee to incorporate these matters in its forthcoming consultation on election expenditure and, subject to the outcome of the

consultation, to bring forward for approval the changes to legislation necessary to give effect to this proposition.

## **REPORT**

The Privileges and Procedures Committee is drawing up a consultation document in order to seek views on how to implement 2 propositions adopted by the Assembly in 2019 on election expenditure ([P.6/2019](#) and [P.7/2019](#)). These propositions deal with a variety of matters, including how election expenditure is described in law, the process for declaring expenditure, and online publication of expenditure returns. The Committee does not have a view at this stage on the merits of the Connétable's proposition, but is conscious that donations to candidates are included in expenditure returns, so changes in this area should be considered alongside the other changes the Committee is currently contemplating. In addition, one of the issues the Assembly has asked the Committee to consider is whether parties should be required to declare their election costs, which is linked to the question of how donations to parties are dealt with. Consequently, the Committee's view is that the ideas put forward by the Connétable should be incorporated into the Committee's consultation document, which it intends to issue in February.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment.