

STATES OF JERSEY



ELECTORAL COMMISSION: ESTABLISHMENT (P.15/2011) – SECOND AMENDMENT (P.15/2011 Amd.(2)) – AMENDMENT

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In the substituted paragraph (e), for the words “shall put the” substitute the words “shall take into consideration the wishes of this Assembly which is that they should put the” and for the words “and to further agree that this option shall not be pursued further by the States unless it is supported by at least 60% of those voting in the referendum” substitute the words “having followed the procedures laid down in the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002.”.

SENATOR B.E. SHENTON

REPORT

I would like to thank the Privileges and Procedures Committee for presenting their comments in sufficient time for them to be noted and an amendment lodged. If the Council of Ministers could adopt the same approach we may have less “I would support it but.....” speeches as weaknesses in propositions could be attended to before debate.

The amendment changes paragraph (e) to overcome the weaknesses identified in the PPC comments. Furthermore, it does not make the 60% requirement binding. Therefore the Electoral Commission upon detailed analysis can recommend the best solution.

Financial and manpower implications

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