

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 52) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY

**Lodged au Greffe on 8th June 2021
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee
Earliest date for debate: 20th July 2021**

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REPORT

This draft amendment to the [Standing Orders of the States of Jersey](#) replaces the draft lodged by the Privileges and Procedures Committee as [P.41/2021](#) which the Committee has withdrawn. The previous draft, if it had been adopted, would have had an unintended consequence; in that it would have applied to every Government Plan lodged in future (including the Government Plan to be debated this year), whereas the intention was for a minimum lodging period of 10 weeks to apply solely to a Government Plan lodged in an election year. This amendment, if adopted, would ensure that this intention is respected.

The amendment arises from the Assembly's adoption of the draft [Constitution of the States and Public Elections Law 202-](#), as amended by the Third Amendment to the draft Law ([P.17/2021 Amd.\(3\)](#)).

The amendment to the Law altered the provisions of the [States of Jersey Law 2005](#) to state that the Common Strategic Policy should be lodged by the Council of Ministers no later than the day on which the Council's first Government Plan is lodged and within 4 months of the Council's appointment.

In the report accompanying the amendment, it was explained that a consequential amendment to Standing Orders would be needed; as the time available in 2022 for the next Council of Ministers to develop the first Government Plan of the term was reduced from 15 weeks to 10 weeks by the date of the next election being set as 22nd June 2022.

This amendment to Standing Orders would therefore reduce the minimum lodging period for the Government Plan in an election year from 12 weeks to 10 weeks. This would give the incoming Council of Ministers 12 weeks to develop, agree and lodge the Government Plan for 2023 to 2026 (and, by way of the alignment introduced with the amendment to the States of Jersey Law 2005, the Common Strategic Policy).

The minimum lodging period for amendments, and amendments to amendments, to the Government Plan would remain the same as they are presently: 2 weeks and 1 week respectively. The minimum lodging period for the Government Plan in non-election years would remain 12 weeks.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial and manpower implications arising from adoption of this proposition.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This draft amendment to standing order 26 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, provides that the minimum lodging period for a Government Plan should be 10 weeks if the Government Plan is lodged during a year in which an ordinary election for Deputies is held, rather than the 12-week minimum lodging period that otherwise applies.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES make the following Amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey¹ under Article 48 of the States of Jersey Law 2005² –

1 Standing Order 26 amended

In standing order 26 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey³ –

(a) for paragraph (4A) there is substituted –

“(4A) A minimum lodging period of 12 weeks applies to a government plan, except in any year when there is an ordinary election, in which case a minimum lodging period of 10 weeks applies.”;

(b) in paragraph (5)(b) for “6, 8 or 12 weeks” there is substituted “6, 8, 10 or 12 weeks”.

2 Citation and commencement

This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 52) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and comes into force on the day after it is made.

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

1	<i>chapter 16.800.15</i>
2	<i>chapter 16.800</i>
3	<i>chapter 16.800.15</i>