# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## DRAFT OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT No. 2) (JERSEY) LAW 2017 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 201-

Lodged au Greffe on 21st May 2018 by the Chief Minister

**STATES GREFFE** 



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#### REPORT

The Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017 was adopted by the States on 4th July 2017, sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council on 11th October 2017, and registered in the Royal Court on 20th October 2017.

The Amendment replaces the requirement for Jersey Gazette to be published in a newspaper circulating in Jersey with a power for the Chief Minister to prescribe by Order how it is published. This will enable the Jersey Gazette to be published online.

This will help ensure that arrangements for publishing official notices are costeffective and efficient as a way of informing Islanders; and that this should be free of charge to the Public. While removing the legal requirement to publish the Gazette in a newspaper, parishes and government departments will nevertheless still be able to advertise in printed and online publications as they see fit, appreciating that this may remain the best approach in some circumstances. They could also use other ways of informing Islanders, such as posting notices at the Central Library, parish halls, and government buildings.

The amendment to the Law is therefore about removing the obligation to publish the Gazette in one newspaper – creating an online Gazette instead, and choice as to what other ways may be used to promote notices.

#### Collective responsibility under Standing Order 21(3A)

The Council of Ministers has a single policy position on this proposition, and as such, all Ministers, and the Assistant Ministers to the Chief Minister, are bound by the principle of collective responsibility to support the proposition, as outlined in the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers (R.11/2015 refers).

#### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this Draft Appointed Day Act.

#### **Explanatory Note**

This Act brings into force the Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017 on the date that is 7 days after the day this Act is made.



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Made Coming into force [date to be inserted] [date to be inserted]

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017<sup>1</sup>, have made the following Act –

#### 1 Commencement of Law

The Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law  $2017^2$  shall come into force 7 days after the day this Act is made.

#### 2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017 (Appointed Day) Act 201-.

Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> L.21/2017 <sup>2</sup> L.21/2017