

## Electoral Reform Scrutiny Panel

### Review

#### **Background**

- The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel has formed a Sub-Panel to examine the impact of proposed electoral changes.
- These changes are due to be debated and decided upon by the States on 6th June 2017.
  - These changes are covered in a main proposal and two separate amendments (providing three options for the Assembly to “choose” from).
- The Panel is examining the impact of these proposed changes and how they will affect the Island and its population.
- The Panel is also reviewing the practicalities of these changes on voting and how concerns will be addressed.
- The Panel is holding these public meetings to try and gather the views of the public on the changes being proposed.

#### **The Current Structure of the States**

- The current structure of the States is to have 29 Deputies elected from individual parishes, with the larger parishes sub-divided into districts.
- 12 Parish Connétables.
- 8 Senators (with an Island-wide mandate).
- If the current proposals (outlined below) are not agreed and approved by the States Assembly, this current structure will remain in place unaltered.

#### **Main Proposal**

- The main proposal the States Assembly will be voting on recommends the following changes:
  - Reduction in the total number of States Members from 49 to 48.
  - Rather than electing one (or more) Deputies per Parish, the Proposal recommends the creation of six super-constituencies. These would be groups of parishes, electing joint groups of Deputies.
  - These super-constituencies will be made up of the following parishes, with the following number of Deputies representing them:

1. St Helier North – 6 Deputies
  2. St Helier South – 6 Deputies
  3. South-East District (St Clement and Grouville) – 4 Deputies
  4. East Central District (St Martin and St Saviour) – 4 Deputies
  5. North Central District (St John, St Lawrence, St Mary and Trinity) – 4 Deputies
  6. West District (St Brelade, St Ouen and St Peter) – 4 Deputies
- The Proposal highlights that further detail about how these changes would be implemented is still to be confirmed. For example, where you vote and where nomination meetings will be held.

### **Amendments**

- As well as the main proposition, two Amendments have been lodged by Deputy Andrew Lewis of St Helier.
- The first amendment would result in:
  - The same number of States Members as the main proposition. (i.e. 48)
  - Six super-constituencies (as in the main amendment), but with different groups of parishes:
    1. St Helier North – 6 Deputies
    2. St Helier South – 6 Deputies
    3. South-East District (Grouville, St Martin and St Clement) – 4 Deputies
    4. North District (St Saviour and Trinity) – 4 Deputies
    5. West District (St John, St Lawrence, St Mary and St Ouen) – 4 Deputies
    6. South District (St Brelade and St Peter) – 4 Deputies
- The second amendment would result in:
  - The removal of the position of Senators (with an island-wide mandate) and their replacement with 4 additional Deputies (to be elected from within the new super-constituencies.)
  - Overall, the number of States Members would decrease from 49 to 44.
  - The creation of 6 super constituencies as in the first amendment, but with the 4 extra Deputies distributed as follows:
    1. St Helier North – 6 Deputies
    2. St Helier South – 6 Deputies
    3. East District (Grouville, St Clement and St Martin) – 5 Deputies
    4. North District (St Saviour and Trinity) – 5 Deputies
    5. West District (St John, St Lawrence, St Mary and St Ouen) – 5 Deputies
    6. South District (St Brelade and St Peter) – 5 Deputies

### **Contacting the Panel**

Should you wish to contact the Panel regarding their review or wish to send in a written submission, stating your view on the proposed changes, please use the details below:

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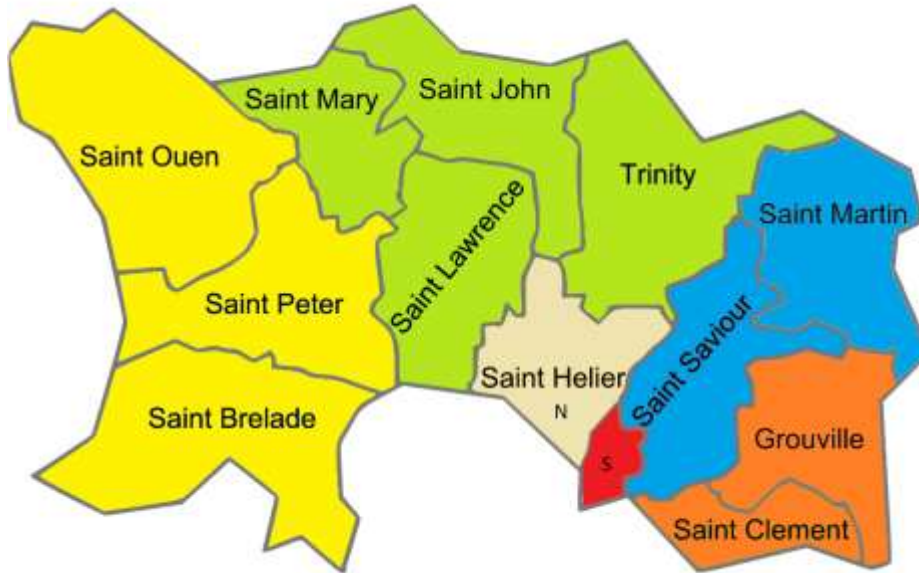
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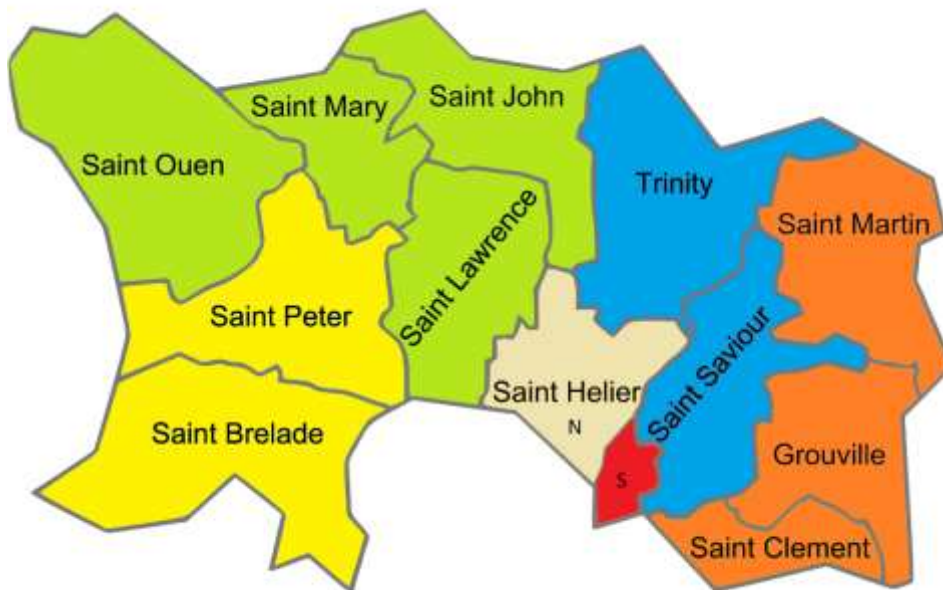
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**Main Proposal (P.18/2017):**



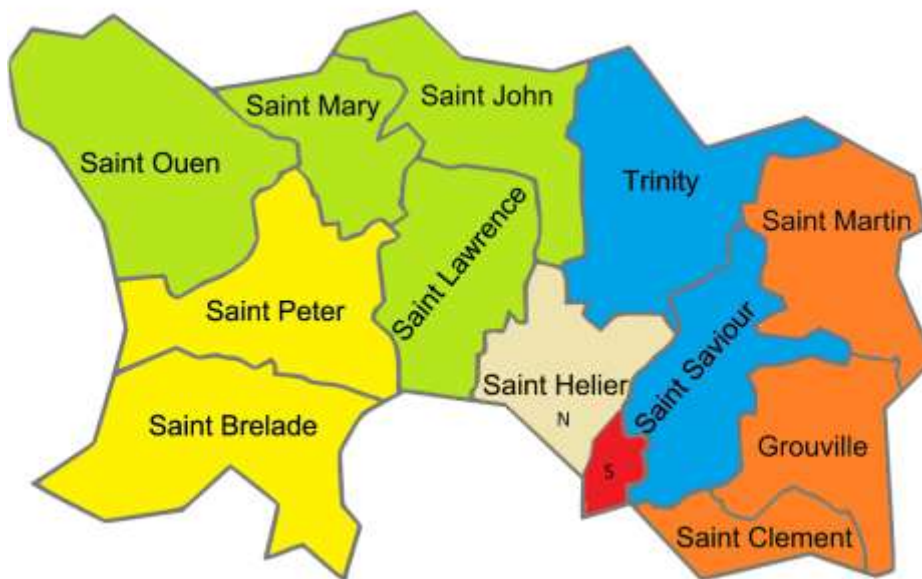
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8. St Helier South –	6 Deputies
9. South-East District (St Clement and Grouville) –	4 Deputies
10. East Central District (St Martin and St Saviour) –	4 Deputies
11. North Central District (St John, St Lawrence, St Mary and Trinity) –	4 Deputies
12. West District (St Brelade, St Ouen and St Peter) –	4 Deputies
 Total Deputies =	 28 Deputies
	8 Senators
	12 Connétables
	 Total number of States Members: 48

**First Amendment (P.18/2017):**



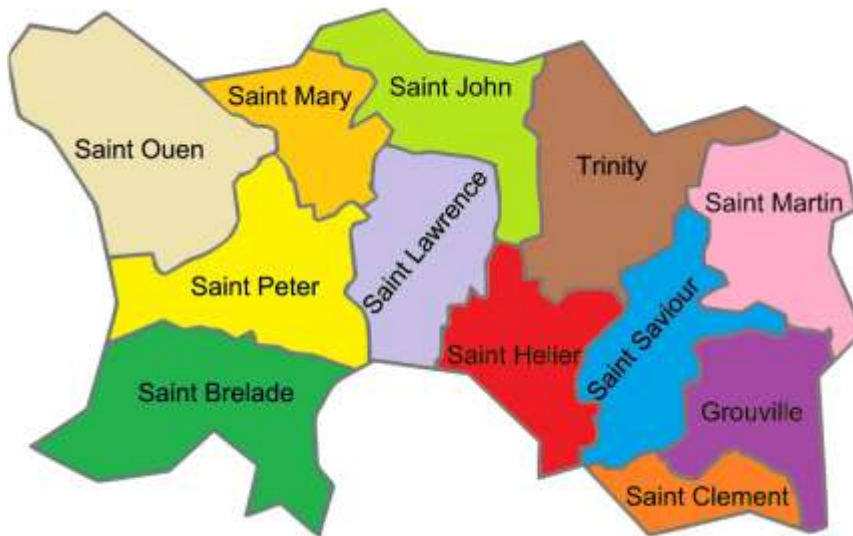
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**Second Amendment (P.18/2017):**



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6. South District (St Brelade and St Peter) –	5 Deputies
 Total Deputies =	 32 Deputies
	0 Senators
	12 Connétables
	 Total number of States Members: 44

**Current Structure for Deputies**



St Helier	10 Deputies
St Saviour	5 Deputies
St Clement	2 Deputies
Grouville	1 Deputy
St Martin	1 Deputy
Trinity	1 Deputy
St John	1 Deputy
St Lawrence	2 Deputies
St Mary	1 Deputy
St Ouen	1 Deputy
St Peter	1 Deputy
St Breilade	3 Deputies
Total Deputies =	29 Deputies
	8 Senators
	12 Connétables

Total number of States Members: 49