

DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 22) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY

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The amendments to the States of Jersey Law 1966 brought about as a result of the States of Jersey (Amendment No. 7) Law 2000 provide *inter alia* that Committees of Inquiry constituted under the Law may consist of persons who are not members of the States.

Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966 as amended specifies that any person appointed to a Committee of Inquiry shall take an oath before the Bailiff in the form contained in a standing order. This proposition, if adopted, will insert a new Standing Order 44B into the Standing Orders of the States to set out the form of oath.

The Solemn Affirmations (Jersey) Law 1963 allows any person to make an affirmation rather than swearing an oath if they wish to do so for religious or other reasons. The affirmation would be in the following form -

“You do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that you will well and faithfully discharge your duties as a member of the Committee of Inquiry to inquire into [..]”

The proposition has no financial or manpower implications.

Explanatory Note

This Amendment states the oath to be taken by a person appointed to a Committee of Inquiry under Article 36B of the States of Jersey Law 1966 as amended by the States of Jersey (Amendment No. 7) Law 2000.

