

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT OF TIME OF OPENING OF POLL) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201-**

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### **REPORT**

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The [Public Elections \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#) (the “2002 Law”) provides for polling in a public election to be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The States agreed in 2003 to reduce these hours to noon to 8 p.m. for elections for Centenier and for Procureur du Bien Public – this change was contained in the Draft Public Elections (Jersey) Regulations 200- ([P.64/2003](#) adopted by the States on 24th June 2003). The draft Regulations contained in [P.64/2003](#), once adopted by the States, were published as [R&O.51/2003](#) (the “2003 Regulations”).

Inadvertently, a new Article 30 in the 2002 Law, substituted by the Public Elections (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 2017 ([P.125/2016](#) adopted by the States on 18th January 2017) has resulted in the 2003 Regulations falling away, when the enabling power in the old Article 30 was displaced by the new Article 30.

The Comité des Connétables considers the shorter polling hours are still appropriate for elections for Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public, and therefore brings these draft Regulations to restore the position which has applied since 2003. As the new Article 30 does not contain any power to prescribe opening times by Regulations, the draft Regulations make this change to the opening time by directly amending Article 30 using the power in Article 30(6).

The next election for Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public will be held in each parish on 12th September 2018 and, if adopted, the draft Regulations will restore the polling hours to noon to 8 p.m. for those elections.

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

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States or the parishes arising from the adoption of these draft Regulations, as they will restore the polling hours which have applied since 2003. Should the draft Regulations not be adopted there will be additional financial and manpower implications for parishes, as polling stations will have to be open and manned for 12 hours rather than 8 hours when a poll is required for the election of a Centenier or a Procureur du Bien Public.

## Explanatory Note

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By *Regulation 1*, these Regulations would amend Article 30 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, to provide that the poll in a public election of a Centenier or a Procureur du Bien Public opens at 12 noon (the position in relation to all other public elections would remain unchanged, with the poll in such elections opening at 8 a.m.).

*Regulation 2* states the title by which these Regulations may be cited and provides for them to come into force 7 days after being made.



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

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Articles 30(6) and 72(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002<sup>1</sup>, have made the following Regulations –

### **1 Article 30 (Opening and closing of poll) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 amended**

In Article 30 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002<sup>2</sup> –

(a) in paragraph (2), for the words “at 8 a.m.” there shall be substituted the following words –

“–

- (a) in the case of an election of a Centenier or Procureur du Bien Public, at 12 noon;
- (b) in the case of any other public election, at 8 a.m.”;

(b) in paragraph (5) for the number “10” there shall be substituted the word “ten”.

### **2 Citation and commencement**

These Regulations may be cited as the Public Elections (Amendment of Time of Opening of Poll) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and shall come into force 7 days after the day on which they are made.

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- <sup>1</sup> *chapter 16.600*  
<sup>2</sup> *chapter 16.600*