

STATES OF JERSEY



REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES (P.73/2007): AMENDMENTS (P.73/2007 AMD.)– COMMENTS

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by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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COMMENTS

Amendment (1) to (3)

The Privileges and Procedures Committee supports amendments (1) to (3) relating to the provision of lists of party members and urges all members to do likewise. Having considered its original proposals again, and having taken appropriate advice, PPC accepts that its suggestion that party membership lists should be published was inappropriate. PPC's original intention was that the public should be able to access information about the overall 'size' of registered parties and the Committee is now proposing that this objective should be achieved through access to a party's accounts instead (see P.73/2007 Amd.(2)).

Amendment (4)

PPC does not support amendment (4) relating to the entry of party emblems on ballot papers. The Committee does not believe this proposal is appropriate in a jurisdiction where the majority of candidates have no party affiliation as it could give an unfair advantage to some candidates. The Committee accepts that there may be concerns relating to electors who have literacy problems (who may only be able to recognise a party emblem) but would point out that for the foreseeable future it is likely that most candidates will have no emblem on a ballot paper. This amendment does not therefore address literacy concerns in a way that is equitable to all candidates and PPC urges members to reject it.