

STATES OF JERSEY



ELECTED SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE STATES ASSEMBLY: SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT (P.83/2024) – SECOND AMENDMENT

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 2 –

In Paragraph 2, after the words “including legislative amendments” insert “and the arrangement of opportunities for elected Members to experience presiding in the Assembly”.

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 2 –

In Paragraph 2, for the words “in October 2025” substitute “following the ordinary election of 2026”.

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

1. to agree that –
 - i. the States Assembly should select its Speaker either from amongst the elected Members of the Assembly, or by appointing a person who would otherwise be eligible for election to the Assembly;
 - ii. the States Assembly should select a Deputy Speaker from amongst the elected members of the Assembly;
 - iii. the terms for the selection, appointment and functions of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker should be approved as set out in Appendix A; and
 - iv. the Bailiff should remain as the Civic Head of Jersey, continue to swear in Members of the States Assembly in the Royal Court, Preside in the Assembly during the process of selecting a Speaker or a Deputy Speaker, Preside in the Assembly on Liberation Day, Preside in the Assembly on the occasion of a Royal Visit, and be invited to Preside in, or address the Assembly, on other ceremonial or appropriate occasions; and
2. the Privileges and Procedures Committee should be requested to bring forward all necessary actions, including legislative amendments and the arrangement of opportunities for elected Members to experience presiding in the Assembly, to implement these changes in time for the Assembly to select or agree to appoint a Speaker and to select a Deputy Speaker, to take office following the ordinary election of 2026.”

REPORT

The Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) is bringing this amendment to provide a degree of flexibility to the proposed timeline for implementation. Aside from the legislative amendments required, PPC acknowledges that there are many details to consider as part of the practical application of this Proposition, and that extending the implementation deadline to after the elections would allow this important work to be undertaken thoroughly.

Financial and staffing implications

There are no financial implications arising from this amendment.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

A Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.