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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(8th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)6th April 2021**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier, Chair  
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chair  
 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier  
 Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin  
 Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier  
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence

In attendance –

L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A.

P.17/2021  
 ‘Draft  
 Constitution of  
 the States and  
 Public Election  
 202-:  
 Amendment’

A1. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. A1 of 5th March 2021 received and considered a draft amendment in relation to ‘Draft Constitution of the States and Public Election 202-’ (P.17/2021) lodged *au Greffe* by the Committee on 8th March 2021.

The Committee noted that, if adopted, P.17/2021 would establish an Assembly of 49 Members, 37 elected from 9 new districts of comparable population size, plus the 12 Parish Connétables. The legislation would also move the date of the next election to June 2022.

In relation to the latter change, the Committee was advised by the Deputy Greffier of the States that the Council of Ministers had raised concerns that the proposed change in the election date would reduce the period of time available in 2022 for the next Council of Ministers to develop, agree and lodge the Common Strategic Policy 2022-26 and Government Plan 2021-26 from 15 weeks to 10 weeks.

In accepting that this would present a significant challenge for an incoming Council of Ministers, the Committee agreed to lodge an amendment in order to mitigate the time lost to work on the Common Strategic Policy and Government Plan documents. The Committee noted that the effect of the amendment would be that the next Council of Ministers must lodge its Common Strategic Policy at the same time or before its first Government Plan or within 4 months of being appointed to office (whichever was earliest).

The Committee approved the draft amendment and instructed the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be presented to the Assembly as soon as practicable. Due to the overlap of scrutiny work on the Government Plan, the Committee also instructed the Officer to send a copy of the

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amendment, as a courtesy, to the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.