

**DRAFT PARISH RATE (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT
No. 10) (JERSEY) LAW 200-**

**Lodged au Greffe on 7th December 1999
by the Legislation Committee**



STATES OF JERSEY

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Report

The Parish Rate (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1946, as amended, provides for there to be an assessment committee for every parish, with the exception of St. Helier, for which there are four assessment committees, one each for -

- the Canton de Haut and Canton de Bas de La Vingtaine de la Ville;
- the Vingtaine du Rouge Bouillon;
- the Vingtaine du Bas du Mont-au-Prêtre;
- the remaining Vingtaines of the Parish.

This system of having four separate divisions is causing considerable strain, which can only be alleviated if all 12 assessors for St. Helier are allowed to work within the whole parish. The Legislation Committee has discussed this matter in detail with the Connétable of St. Helier and other honorary officers of the parish, who have urged that all 12 assessors should be able to perform their functions in respect of the parish as a whole (as is the case in every other parish).

This draft Law would therefore repeal paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 7 of the Parish Rate (Administration) Law and replace them with a provision that -

“(1) There shall be an assessment committee for each parish.

(2) An assessment committee shall have five members except in the case of the parish of Saint Helier where the assessment committee shall have twelve members.”.

It then becomes necessary to make provision for the quorum in relation to assessment committees. In this respect, the draft Law would insert an additional paragraph in the First Schedule to the Parish Rate Administration Law to provide that -

“The quorum at a meeting of an assessment committee shall be determined by the committee but shall be at least three members.”.

The Connétable of St. Helier has emphasized the urgency of this matter and, in particular, the need to ensure that these provisions are in force by June 2000.

For this reason, the Legislation Committee has lodged this draft Law forthwith and would hope that the House approve the reform at the earliest opportunity.

Explanatory Note

This draft Law amends further the Parish Rate (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1946 to provide for -

- (a) one assessment Committee for the parish of Saint Helier, with twelve members (*Article 1*);
- (b) the quorum at a meeting of an assessment committee (*Article 2*).

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A LAW to amend further the Parish Rate (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1946; sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council of the

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THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law -

ARTICLE 1

For paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 7 of the Parish Rate (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1946, as amended¹ (in this Law called "the principal Law"), there shall be substituted the following paragraphs -

(1) There shall be an assessment committee for each parish.

(2) An assessment committee shall have five members except in the case of the parish of Saint Helier where the assessment committee shall have twelve members."

¹ Tome VII, page 355.

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ARTICLE 2

After paragraph 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Law² there shall be inserted the following paragraph -

“3A. The quorum at a meeting of an assessment committee shall be determined by the committee but shall be at least 3 members.”.

ARTICLE 3

This Law may be cited as the Parish Rate (Administration) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Law 200-.

² Tome VII, page 364.