

**DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) LAW 2002 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 200-**

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## **REPORT**

This Act brings into force the provisions of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, in time for the elections for Senators and Deputies later in 2002, with the exception of certain additional provisions concerning the preparation, form and sale of electoral registers, and certain provisions relating to the nomination of candidates for the election of a Centenier.

The new Law carries over the substance of the existing Law, though it makes some changes, including changes designed to encourage maximum participation in elections. The changes include the following -

- (a) offering the franchise to all those who meet the residential qualification, and the age requirement, by midday on the day before the nomination meeting for the election, and not by a fixed day each year;
- (b) no automatic loss of franchise for persons who are mentally ill or who are catered for by attorneyship or curatorship;
- (c) making available for scrutiny the electoral registers of all Parishes during normal office hours at the respective Parish Halls, the Public Library and the Judicial Greffe;
- (d) allowing at least 38 days, instead of 31 days, between the Royal Court order for an election and the date of the poll to give more time for publicity before the nomination meetings and to encourage people to get their names onto the electoral registers before the nomination meetings;
- (e) starting the poll at 8 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.;
- (f) extending postal voting to electors who, because of their commitments, cannot vote at a polling station;
- (g) introducing the possibility of pre-poll voting in person at the Judicial Greffe, instead of postal voting.

### **Financial/manpower implications**

The Committee considers there to be no additional financial implications for the States other than potential costs involved in the introduction of new software for the electronic capture of electoral register data.

There are no additional manpower implications for the States.

### **Explanatory Note**

The purpose of this Act is to appoint 5th June 2002 as the day for the commencement of those provisions of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 that are essential in its first year of operation. The Law was adopted by the States on 23rd October 2001 (P.132 of 2001) and registered in the Royal Court on 5th April 2002. The provisions that are left to commence at a later stage are -

- (a) Article 6(6), which deals with the form of electoral registers;
- (b) Article 7(1)-(3) and (5), which will be appropriate in the second year of operation of the Law when the first register of electors has already been prepared under the Law;
- (c) Article 12(2)(b), which requires copies of the electoral register in force for an election to be available to the public free or at a price (a provision that is supplementary to the requirements in Article 11 that the electoral register, as in force from time to time and at a fixed date in each year, be available for inspection free of charge);
- (d) Article 20(5)-(7), which relates to the nomination of candidates for election as Centenier.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2002

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Article 75(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002,<sup>[1]</sup> have made the following Act -

1. The Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, except Articles 6(6),<sup>[2]</sup> 7(1)-(3)<sup>[3]</sup> and (5), 12(2)(b)<sup>[4]</sup> and 20(5)-(7),<sup>[5]</sup> shall come into force on 5th June 2002.
2. This Act may be cited as the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 (Appointed Day) Act 2002.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 364.

<sup>[2]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 322.

<sup>[3]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 323.

<sup>[4]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 326.

<sup>[5]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2002, page 330.