

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT LEGISLATION (COMMENCEMENT OF LAW) (JERSEY) ACT 202-

Lodged au Greffe on 11th August 2021
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee
Earliest date for debate: 14th September 2021

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REPORT

The Draft Legislation (Commencement of Law) (Jersey) Act 202- would bring the Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021 into force on 28th September 2021.

The primary purpose of the [Legislation \(Jersey\) Law 2021](#) (“Law”) is to enable Jersey’s legislation website to match leading jurisdictions in displaying all our legislation as it is currently in force in a form that enables its citation in court as the official version.

The Law also contains a number of provisions about legislation that are currently contained in various separate pieces of legislation that are better brought together in one place for convenience, along with new provisions about the functions of the Legislative Drafting Office.

The reason for commencing the Law by Act rather than shortly following its registration was to allow time for work to be done to ensure that official versions of current legislation would be displayed on www.jerseylaw.je from an agreed date. The date selected allows for a weekend and bank holiday to prepare the website changes during an extended period when the website will have reduced use. It is hoped that from this date, or soon afterwards, further enhancements will be made to the site to enable users to find the legislation they are looking for.

However, the date has further significance. The draft Law ([P.26/2021](#)) was lodged to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the coming into force of the [1771 Code](#), an important piece of legislation that first consolidated Jersey legislation into one single document. 28th September marks the anniversary of the date of the Corn Riots which took place in 1769. The riots led to the passing of the Code. The Privileges and Procedures Committee, along with the Legislative Drafting Office, are proud to mark this anniversary by inviting the States to agree to bring into force legislation that reaches well beyond the reform of 250 years ago by giving free access to continually updated official versions of all of Jersey’s legislation.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications from the passing of this draft Act. The necessary work on the jersey.law.je website and the legislation files on it to take current law official is being absorbed in the workload of the Legislative Drafting Office and has long been planned for as part of general website maintenance and improvement by the Jersey Legal Information Board.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act, if passed, will bring the Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021 into force on 28th September 2021. The Law was adopted by the States on 12th May 2021 (P.26/2021). The Law brings together and supplements provisions concerning:

- (a) the making, commencement and repeal of legislation;
- (b) its consolidation, revision and publication; and
- (c) the Legislative Drafting Office and functions of the Principal Legislative Drafter.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES make this Act under Article 26 of the Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021 –

1 Day specified for commencement

The Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021 comes into force on 28th September 2021.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Legislation (Commencement of Law) (Jersey) Act 202-.