

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT No. 5) (JERSEY) LAW 201- (P.46/2014): SECOND AMENDMENT

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PAGES 28–29, ARTICLE 7 –

- (1) At the beginning of the Article insert the paragraph number “(1)”.
- (2) After paragraph (1) add the following paragraph –
 - “(2) In Article 15 –
 - (a) in paragraph (1) for the words “paragraph (2) provides” there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs (2) and (3) provide”;
 - (b) after paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph –
 - “(3) The costs of sending out notices under Article 7A shall be met by the States.’.”

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Article 7 of the Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 201- inserts Article 7A in the 2002 Law, which requires a notice of registered voters to be sent out to households when there is an ordinary election for Senators, Deputies and Connétables.

The notice is required to be sent out by the electoral administrator for the parish between 1st and 15th August. It must contain the names of the voters registered in the household and the date upon which each registered person becomes eligible to vote, if he or she has registered in advance. It must also provide information about how to register to vote and how to inspect the electoral register.

As drafted, the cost of distributing the notice falls to the Parishes. Following discussions with the Comité des Connétables, the Committee has decided to ask the States to agree that the distribution costs should instead fall to the States, given that the matter relates to the election of Senators, as well as Parish Deputies and Connétables. If adopted, the proposed amendment to Article 7 will come into force on 1st January 2015.

Financial and manpower implications

Approximately 40,000 notices will be issued and the cost of materials and postage has been estimated at £20,000.