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If adopted, this Act will bring into force the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000, which was adopted by the States on 19th July 2000 and sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council 11th October 2000.

The Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000 will provide an environment in which electronic business can flourish and businesses can take advantage of the opportunities presented within a stable yet flexible legal framework, enabling the growth of this sector of the economy whilst maintaining the highest standards. The Law will help build confidence in electronic business and the technology underlying it.

The legislation will also provide for the recognition of electronic records and electronic signatures, for certainty in the creation of electronic contracts and protection of electronic intermediaries. Secondary legislation already exists which provides for data protection, copyright, proceeds of crime, trade-marks and computer misuse.

Although the Act will bring into force Part 3 of the Law, which allows in electronic form those functions presently required by legislation to be done in writing, such as the provision of annual returns, this will not have an immediate effect since the Committee will be making an Order under the Law providing for the gradual implementation of Part 3 as and when the Committee's indicate that they are in a position to deal with electronic communications.

If this Appointed Day Act is adopted by the States, the new Law will come into effect on 1st January 2001.

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Act is to appoint 1st January 2001 as the day for the commencement of the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000 which was adopted by the States on 19th July 2000 (P.98 of 2000).

Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (JERSEY) LAW 2000
(APPOINTED DAY) ACT 2000**

(Promulgated on the _____ day of _____ 2000)

STATES OF JERSEY

The _____ day of _____ 2000

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 24(2) of the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000^[1] have made the following Act -

1. The Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000 shall come into force on the first day of January 2001.
2. This Act may be cited as the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000 (Appointed Day) Act 2000.

^[1] Recueil des Lois, Volume 2000, page 843.