

**PUBLIC FINANCES (GENERAL) (JERSEY) RULES 1967:
AMENDMENT**

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to charge the Finance and Economics Committee to prepare amendments to Rule 4 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, for approval by the States, the effect of which would be -

- (a) to delete the requirement that no proposition or draft legislation which, if adopted, would entail the expenditure or raising of public money, shall be presented to the States unless, at least 21 days prior to the presentation, the matter has been submitted to the Finance and Economics Committee for its information and recommendation, if any;
- (b) to require that on presentation to the States any such legislation or proposition shall be referred to the Finance and Economics Committee for a report to be made within a reasonable time prior to the matter being debated.

SENATOR R.J. SHENTON

Report

The effect of this amendment will be to bring the procedure into line with other matters that are presented to the States.

A member can present a petition to the States, together with a proposition to the effect that the prayer of the petition be granted. Standing Order 10(1) states that “On the presentation of a petition, the States shall refer it to such Committee as the States may consider appropriate.” Example - Deputy of St. Martin presented a petition and proposition to the States (P.108/97) about the connection of mains drains to all properties. This obviously has financial implications and the matter was referred both to Public Services and Finance and Economics Committees for reports.

Standing Order 32(4) states that “Every bill which has been introduced by a member on his own behalf shall after its first reading [presentation] be referred by the Bailiff to the appropriate Committee of the States. No further proceedings shall take place on the bill until the Committee has reported thereon to the States. Such report shall be made within a reasonable time after the presentation of the bill.”

Propositions presented by a member are also referred to a Committee of the States for a report after presentation. There are a number contained in the “Arrangement of Public Business” sheets which are issued on a regular basis.

What is being proposed does not debar a member, if he so wishes, from seeking advice, information or comments from the Finance and Economics or any other Committee before a proposition is presented to the States.