

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT ROYAL COURT (AMENDMENT No. 15) (JERSEY) LAW 201- (P.101/2017): COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 13th December 2017  
by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## COMMENTS

The Legislation Advisory Panel (“LAP”) has previously considered, and brought forward, amendments to the Royal Court (Jersey) Law 1948. In February 2017, the Panel discussed the references to poor relief in Article 3 of the Law.

The LAP were advised that the references to poor relief were otiose and it was therefore immaterial if they remained in the Law or were removed. Consequentially, the Panel didn’t consider it a priority to bring forward a proposition to remove the references at that time.

It should be noted that the election process for Jurats, which is referred to in the Appendix to the Report, is being considered as part of the work to establish a Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

In the view of the Panel, the amendment as outlined in [P.101/2017](#) might have been more appropriately dealt with by the Law Revision Board in place of a Proposition with the sole purpose of removing an ineffectual reference in the Law.

Nevertheless, the Panel acknowledges that this is an issue on which Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade has shown previous interest, and given that the Proposition has been lodged, have recommended to the Chief Minister that it be supported.

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### **Statement under Standing Order 37A [Presentation of comment relating to a proposition]**

These comments were submitted to the States Greffe later than the noon deadline on Thursday 7th December 2017 specified in Standing Order 37A, as the internal review processes had not been completed.