

DRAFT PUBLIC ELECTIONS (JERSEY) LAW 200- (P.132/2001): THIRD AMENDMENTS

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(1) PAGE 58, ARTICLE 63, heading -

For the heading, substitute the following heading -

“Behaviour in and around polling station”.

(2) PAGE 58, ARTICLE 63(1) -

For the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph -

“(1) At a public election, a candidate or representative of a candidate shall not engage a voter in conversation inside a polling station or within 100 metres measured in a straight line outwards from the outside of the structure containing a polling station.”.

(3) PAGE 58, ARTICLE 63(2) -

For the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph -

“(2) At a public election, a person shall not attempt to influence a voter (whether by means of any sign or clothing, or otherwise), inside a polling station or within 100 metres measured in a straight line outwards from the outside of the structure containing a polling station.”.

DEPUTY P.F. ROUTIER OF ST. HELIER

Report

I am proposing this amendment because I believe that the current practice of election candidates and their representatives assembling at the entrance to polling stations to be a deterrent to some electors being able to cast their vote. For some people the gathering is a social occasion and perceived opportunity to influence the electorate but it is also for others a barrier to freely attend the polling station and this consequently restricts their ability to vote.

When canvassing in previous elections I have been told by some electors that they either are not prepared to run the gauntlet of candidates and representatives and will not vote or when they do they feel pressurized.

I believe that electors should have a completely free access to the polling stations.

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States of Jersey arising from this amendment.