

# STATES OF JERSEY

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## **DRAFT STATES OF JERSEY (AMENDMENT No. 5) LAW 200- (P.183/2007): AMENDMENTS**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 31st December 2007  
by Deputy P.N. Troy of St. Brelade**

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**STATES GREFFE**

PAGE 14, ARTICLE 4 –

*In paragraph (a), in the substituted paragraph (1) –*

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), for the words “4 Senators” substitute the words “6 Senators”;*
- (b) in sub-paragraph (d), for the words “8 Senators” substitute the words “12 Senators”.*

*NOTE: if this amendment is adopted, Articles 2, 6, 7 and 8 would not be moved (consideration of Article 2 will take place after the debate on Article 4 and this amendment). The Articles and Parts of the Law and internal cross-references would be renumbered accordingly and the following consequential amendments moved –*

PAGE 15, ARTICLE 11 –

*For the words “Parts 2, 3 and 4” substitute the words “Parts 2 and 3”.*

PAGE 16, ARTICLE 12 –

*In paragraph (2) –*

- (a) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words “Articles 2, 5 and 6” substitute the words “Article 4”;*
- (b) delete sub-paragraph (c).*

DEPUTY P.N. TROY OF ST. BRELADE

## REPORT

In P.54/2007 the Privileges and Procedures Committee was asked by the Comité des Connétables to increase the Connétables' term of office to 4 years, and in P.98/2007, which was presented to the States by myself and approved by Members; the Privileges and Procedures Committee was requested to extend the term of office for Deputies to a 4 year period.

It was widely recognised during the debate on P.98/2007 that if my proposition was approved PPC would have an obligation to bring the term of office for all States Members to a period of 4 years, in order to achieve what could be the closest possible structure to a general election.

P.98/2007 read as follows –

*THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –*

- (a) to agree that the term of office for all Deputies should be extended from 3 years to 4 years with effect from the Deputies' elections in the autumn of 2008; and*
- (b) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committee to bring forward for approval the necessary legislation to give effect to the proposal.*

In its proposition P.183/2007 PPC has amended the term of office for all States Members and has, I am pleased to note, adopted the format for change that I suggested in the schedule that I handed to States Members during the debate on P.98/2007. However, the Committee has taken it upon itself to take an additional action which was NOT requested by the States, specifically, PPC is proposing to reduce the number of Senators, and its proposition entwines that with the amendment to a 4 year term, so that any members concerned about a reduction in the number of Senators would consider voting against the whole proposition, consequently endangering the success of a 4 year term for all.

By supporting this amendment Members have the opportunity of retaining the number of Senators at 12, and then implementing a term of office for all 53 members at 4 years by supporting the amended PPC proposition.

I have had to bring this amendment only because PPC has proposed to amend not only the term of office as requested, but also the number of Senators (which was not asked of them in the 2007 debates).

### **Financial and manpower implications**

Retaining 53 Members would have no manpower or financial implications in regard to the existing costs of this Assembly.