

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY LAW REVISION BOARD: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER

Lodged au Greffe on 23rd January 2018
by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2(1)(a) of the Law Revision (Jersey) Law 2003, Senator P.F.C. Ozouf as a member of the Law Revision Board.

CHIEF MINISTER

REPORT

The [Law Revision \(Jersey\) Law 2003](#) gives a statutory framework to allow Revised Editions of the Laws of Jersey to be prepared and given official status as the “*sole authentic edition of the laws of Jersey, in respect of the law contained in it and in force on the revision date*” (Article 9). The first Revised Edition was produced in 2005 and published in hard copy and on the Jersey Law website www.jerseylaw.je. The Revised Edition makes it possible for users of the Laws to find an accurate and up-to-date version of each piece of legislation with, for example, all amendments incorporated, repealed Articles omitted and references updated. The Revised Edition has been updated annually since it was first produced, with these updates being published by April each year.

The Law Revision (Jersey) Law 2003 establishes a Law Revision Board, comprising 2 Members of the States, H.M. Attorney General, the Greffier of the States and the Law Draftsman, who are authorised by the Law to bring into force each Revised Edition. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade has recently resigned from the Law Revision Board, and another States Member must be appointed in his place, to serve on the Board alongside the Deputy of St. Mary. I wish to pay tribute to Deputy Tadier’s work as a member of the Law Revision Board since he was appointed to it in 2009.

The role of the 2 States members on the Board is principally to be satisfied, at a political level, that the annual updates prepared by the Law Draftsman’s Office are ready to be brought into force; although, in practice, they will need to rely largely on the legally qualified Members of the Board to give the necessary assurance about the contents of the updates. The Board does not now need to meet frequently, and in recent years has only held one or 2 meetings a year to approve the annual update; and there are, in addition, law revision issues that are occasionally circulated for consideration to Board Members by the Law Draftsman.

All States Members were recently invited to indicate whether they wished to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Board. Senator P.F.C. Ozouf wishes to be put forward. He is well known to the Assembly and well qualified for the work involved.

Collective responsibility under Standing Order 21(3A)

The Council of Ministers has a single policy position on this proposition, and as such, all Ministers, and the Assistant Ministers to the Chief Minister, are bound by the principle of collective responsibility to support the proposition, as outlined in the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers ([R.11/2015](#) refers).

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposition.