

# STATES OF JERSEY



## STATES MEETINGS IN 2021: MOVE TO A THREE-WEEK CYCLE

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Lodged au Greffe on 24th August 2020  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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STATES GREFFE

## **PROPOSITION**

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

- (a) to agree that meetings of the Assembly in 2021 should follow a 3-weekly cycle, on a trial basis, in accordance with the schedule of dates contained within Appendix (a) of this proposition; and
- (b) to request that, having monitored the impact of the trial, the Privileges and Procedures Committee bring forward, for debate by the Assembly before September 2021, any proposals to permanently alter the frequency of future States meetings.

**PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

## REPORT

In July 2020, Members attended a meeting at which the prospect of moving from a fortnightly to 3 weekly cycle of States meetings was discussed. Following that meeting, Members were asked to vote, using an online forum, on the question: ‘Would you support a 2021 trial of States Assembly Meetings scheduled on a 3-weekly cycle?’.

45 votes were cast: 25 voted in favour whilst 20 were against.

Only 4 Members did not cast a vote, namely Senator L.J. Farnham; Senator I.J. Gorst; Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade and Deputy G. Guida of St. Lawrence.

The breakdown of voting is shown below:

Via Microsoft Forms:

| Yes  | No                                     |
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| Connétable R. Buchanan of St. Ouen         | Deputy J. Young of St. Brelade         |
| Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier              | Senator S.Y. Mézec                     |
| Deputy R. Renouf of St. Ouen               | Deputy R. Ward of St. Helier           |
| Deputy T. Pointon of St. John              | Senator S. Pallett                     |
| Connétable P. Le Sueur of Trinity          | Deputy S. Ahier of St. Helier          |
| Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement        | Deputy M. Le Hegarat of St. Helier     |
| Connétable S. Crowcroft of St. Helier      | Deputy G. Southern of St. Helier       |
| Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade        | Deputy K. Lewis of St. Saviour         |
| Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier           | Connétable J. Le Maistre               |
| Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter          | Deputy M. Higgins of St. Helier        |
| Deputy C. F. Labey of Grouville            | Deputy K. Pamplin of St. Saviour       |
| Deputy R. Huelin of St. Peter              | Connétable Shenton-Stone of St. Martin |
| Deputy S. Wickenden of St. Helier          | Deputy K. Morel of St. Lawrence        |
| Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence | Deputy L. Ash of St. Clement           |
| Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier            |  |
| Deputy S. J. Pinel of St. Clement          |  |
| Connétable J. Le Bailly of St. Mary        |  |
| Senator S.C. Ferguson                      |  |

Via Email:

| Yes   | No                                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Deputy J. Martin of St. Helier              | Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour  |
| Deputy J. M. Maçon of St. Saviour           | Connétable S. Le Sueur-Rennard       |
| Deputy S. Luce of St. Martin                | Deputy D. Johnson of St. Mary        |
| Senator T. Vallois                          | Connétable M. Jackson of St. Brelade |
| Connétable C. Taylor of St. John (verbally) | Senator K.L. Moore                   |
| Deputy H. Raymond of Trinity                | Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour |
| Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré                    |                                      |

This proposition seeks to ratify that decision formally.

Standing Order 4 requires the Privileges and Procedures Committee, no later than the end of September in each year, to present a list of days for meetings of the States in the 1st and 2nd sessions in the following year.

The Committee proposes that this cycle be followed on a trial basis in 2021 and will bring forward a further proposition for debate, in September 2021, if this frequency of meetings is to remain a permanent fixture.

**Financial and manpower implications**

There are no financial or manpower implications associated with this proposition.

**2021 SESSIONS (3 weekly)**

**First Session**

**January 19th**

**February 9th**

**March 2nd**

**March 23rd**

**April 20th**

**May 9th**

**May 11th**

**June 8th**

**June 29th**

**July 20th**

**Continuation (if necessary)**

January 20th, 21st and 22nd

February 10th, 11th and 12th

March 3rd, 4th and 5th

March 24th, 25th and 26th

April 21st, 22nd and 23rd

May 12th, 13th and 14th

June 9th, 10th and 11th

June 30th, July 1st and 2nd

July 21st, 22nd and 23rd

**Second Session**

**Continuation (if necessary)**

**September 14th**

**October 5th**

**November 2nd**

**November 23rd**

**December 14th**

September 15th, 16th and 17th

October 6th, 7th and 8th

November 3rd, 4th and 5th

November 24th, 25th and 26th

December 15th, 16th and 17th