

STATES OF JERSEY



RE-INSTATEMENT OF SENATORS (P.108/2022): AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 14th November 2022
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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

After the words “Island-wide basis,” insert the words, “should sit alongside the office of Connétable and Deputy and”

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

After the words “Island-wide basis” insert the words, “and sitting alongside Connétables and Deputies”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

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

- (a) that the office of Senator, elected on an Island-wide basis, **should sit alongside the office of Connétable and Deputy and** should be re-instated in time for the General Election in 2026;
- (b) to request that the Privileges and Procedures Committee engages with States Members, the public, and other individuals or bodies as it sees necessary, to develop proposals that will amend the electoral system so that Senators, elected on an Island-wide basis **and sitting alongside Connétables and Deputies,** are re-instated at the General Election in 2026; and
- (c) that the proposals requested in (b) should be lodged in time for debate by the States Assembly no later than the end of July 2023, with consequential amending legislation being lodged in time for debate no later than December 2023.

REPORT

This amendment is aimed at ensuring the continuation of the roles of Constables and Deputies in the States Assembly. Whilst there is merit in re-introducing the role of Senators with an Island-wide mandate, there is also merit in ensuring that parochial and local views are represented, which is something that would be lost should the Assembly consist solely of Senators with an Island-wide mandate. Should this amendment be adopted and the main proposition be successful, then the Assembly would return to a situation in which there are three categories of members, those being Constables, Senators and Deputies.

Such a situation creates the ideal blend of representation at the local, district and Island-wide levels.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for this amendment.