

STATES OF JERSEY



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DRAFT ELECTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (JERSEY) LAW 202- (P.56/2021): SECOND AMENDMENT

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PAGE 45, ARTICLE 10 –

In Article 10, in inserted Article 15(3)(b), for “the costs of printing ballot papers under Article 24” substitute “the costs incurred”.

COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES

REPORT

In the comments on the Draft Constitution of the States and Public Elections Law 202- (see [P.17/2021 Amd.Com.\(2\)](#)) the Comité des Connétables considered the States should make a contribution to the cost of each polling station required for the election of Deputies.

We are pleased to see that the Privileges and Procedures Committee has taken note of this by providing in draft Article 10 for the costs of printing the ballot papers to be met by the States.

However, the Comité does not consider this is sufficient and is proposing an amendment that the States meet “the costs incurred”.

The costs go beyond those of printing the ballot papers and include, for example, the hire/use of premises as polling stations and ensuring adequate manpower to manage the facilities (although where there is another election on the same day the costs may be shared with the Parish).

Financial and manpower implications

There will be a financial cost to the States to cover costs incurred, rather than just the cost of printing ballot papers, however this will be modest. The States contribution to the costs for the election of Senators in 2018 was £2,300 per polling station. For that election there were 18 polling stations across the Parishes so the total contribution was just over £41,000.