

4.11 Deputy M.R. Higgins of the Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding the timescale for the lodging of amendments to the States of Jersey Law 2005 in order to standardise who may, or may not, stand for election: [1(580)]

Will the Chairman provide the timescale for the lodging of amendments to the States of Jersey Law 2005 in order to standardise who may, or may not, stand for election to the positions of Connétable, Senator and Deputy, and will he confirm that the changes will be brought into effect before the election in May 2018?

The Connétable of St. Clement (Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee):

Yes, the committee approved the final draft of the amendment to the Connétables (Jersey) Law 2008 and the consequential amendments to the States of Jersey Law 2005 at the meeting earlier this month. We have since been waiting for the Human Rights Audit from the Law Officers' Department. I am advised that these have been received in a positive way this morning; therefore, if I am able to sign the Human Rights paper today, the proposition should be lodged today or tomorrow for debate mid-December or first sitting in January. Providing the States approve those amendments and the Privy Council maintain their normal timescales, yes, the amendments should be in force for the May election.

Deputy M.R. Higgins:

I just thank the chairman for his answer.