

STATES OF DELIBERATION23rd February, 2011**Billet d'État No. III
Article No. 7****AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy I F Rihoy
Seconded by: Deputy M M Lowe

**States Assembly and Constitution Committee
Island-wide Voting – 3rd Report**

To insert a further proposition as follows:

- “3. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.”.

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Proposed by: Deputy C A Steere
Seconded by: Deputy B L Brehaut

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To delete both propositions and to substitute therefor:

- “1. That the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended be further amended to provide that with effect from the General Election to be held in 2012 there shall be 38 Deputies elected for a four-year term.
2. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable, and in any event by no later than November 2011, setting out detailed proposals relating to the allocation of the 38 seats to be distributed across the electoral districts at the General Election to be held in 2012.
3. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States of Deliberation no earlier than May 2013 and no later than May 2014 with detailed proposals regarding the election and constitution of the States of Deliberation which will take effect from the General Election to be held in 2016.”.

Explanatory note

The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the number of Deputies from 45 to 38 with effect from May 2012 as a first stage of change. Once the number of States Members has been reduced in this way, the next administration can decide what further changes to our electoral system, if any, are appropriate. In order to give sufficient time for the next States of Deliberation to appreciate the consequences and for preparations to be made for the General Election to be held in 2016, the second year of the four-year term is the most appropriate time to debate this issue again.

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Seconded by: Deputy R R Matthews

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To delete both propositions and to substitute therefor:

- “1. That the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended be further amended to provide that with effect from the General Election to be held in 2012 there shall be:
- (a) 14 Island Deputies elected Island-wide, with the 7 candidates polling the largest number of votes being elected for a six-year term and the other 7 successful candidates being elected for a three-year term, with elections to the office of Island Deputy thereafter taking place in 2015 and every following three years for 7 Island Deputies to be elected for a six-year term; and
 - (b) 28 District Deputies elected for a three-year term, four being elected in each of the existing Electoral Districts,

where the election for Island Deputies shall be held not less than one month prior to the date on which the election for District Deputies takes place.

In the event of the States rejecting Proposition 1 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

2. That the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended be further amended to provide that with effect from the General Election to be held in 2012 there shall be:
- (a) 14 Island Deputies elected Island-wide, with the 7 candidates polling the largest number of votes being elected for a six-year term and the other 7 successful candidates being elected for a three-year term, with

elections to the office of Island Deputy thereafter taking place in 2015 and every following three years for 7 Island Deputies to be elected for a six-year term; and

- (b) 21 District Deputies elected for a three-year term, three being elected in each of the existing Electoral Districts,

where the election for Island Deputies shall be held not less than one month prior to the date on which the election for District Deputies takes place.

In the event of the States accepting one of the above propositions, whether they are of the opinion:-

3. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States with detailed proposals relating to the procedure at, and conduct of, such elections.”.

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Seconded by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

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To renumber Proposition 2 as Proposition 3 and to insert between Propositions 1 and 3 as thus renumbered:

"In the event of the States rejecting proposition 1 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

2. That the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended be further amended to provide that with effect from the General Election to be held in 2012 there shall be 10 Island Deputies elected Island-wide and 35 District Deputies, five being elected in each of the existing Electoral Districts, all such Deputies being elected for a four-year term, with the election for District Deputies being held on a date sufficiently later than the election for Island Deputies so as to enable any unsuccessful candidate wishing to do so to stand for election as a District Deputy and that the candidates in the Island-wide election shall be entitled but not obliged to have their manifestos distributed at the expense of the States by means of an election publication, the cost of which will be borne by the candidates."

Explanatory note

The purpose of this amendment is to provide an alternative proposition for consideration, under which there would be two separate elections for 10 Island Deputies and 35 District Deputies respectively. The two elections would be timed to allow an unsuccessful candidate in the Island-wide election subsequently to seek election in one of the Electoral District elections.

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Seconded by: Deputy J A B Gollop

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To renumber Proposition 2 as Proposition 6 and to insert between Propositions 1 and 6 as thus renumbered:

“In the event of the States rejecting proposition 1 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

2. That in respect of the General Election to be held in 2012, the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, shall be further amended to provide:
 - (i) that there shall be 15 Island-wide Deputies elected Island-wide in an election held during March 2012, for a term of office ending on 30 April 2014;
 - (ii) that a candidate for the office of Island-wide Deputy must be nominated by five persons, each such person being from a different electoral district; and
 - (iii) that there shall be 30 District Deputies elected in the existing electoral districts in an election held during the month of April and in every fourth year thereafter during the month of April, for a four-year term.
3. That the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and the States Resolutions governing the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees be amended to provide with effect from 1 May 2012:
 - (i) that eligibility to hold the office of Chief Minister shall be restricted to an Island-wide Deputy; and

- (ii) that the terms of office of the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers and Members of Departments, and Chairmen and Members of Committees shall be two years.
- 4. That with effect from the election of Island-wide Deputies to be held in 2014:
 - (a) the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, be further amended to provide:
 - (i) that there shall be 15 Island-wide Deputies elected Island-wide in an election held during the month of March and in every fourth year thereafter during the month of March, for a four-year term;
 - (ii) that any casual vacancies in the office of District Deputy occasioned as a result of the election of Island-wide Deputies shall be filled for the remainder of the four-year term then current at by-elections to be held on a single day during the month of April; and
 - (b) that the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and the States Resolutions governing the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees be amended to provide that a Minister holding office as such on the day on which nominations for the office of Island-wide Deputy are opened shall thereafter be ineligible to seek election to the office of Minister if he has not first secured election to the office of Island-wide Deputy.
- 5. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable, and in any event by no later than November 2011, setting out detailed proposals relating to the allocation of the 30 seats to be distributed across the electoral districts at the General Election to be held in 2012.”.

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To insert a further proposition as follows:

- “3. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, after consultation with the States of Alderney, to report to the States of Deliberation by no later than April 2014 on the desirability and feasibility of extending the Island-wide franchise in operation in the Island of Guernsey to the electors in the Island of Alderney with effect from the General Election to be held in 2016.”.

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Proposed by: Deputy M P J Hadley

Seconded by: Deputy R R Matthews

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To renumber Proposition 2 as Proposition 3 and to insert between Propositions 1 and 3 as thus renumbered:

- “2. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable setting out detailed proposals for the introduction with effect from the 2012 General Election of voting by way of the Single Transferable Vote system.”.