

STATES OF DELIBERATION

30th June, 2010

Billet d'État No. XV Article No. 7

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy L R Gallienne
Seconded by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

States Assembly and Constitution Committee Island-Wide Voting – Second Report

1. To substitute the figures in Propositions 1 to 3 as follows:
 - (a) in Propositions 1 and 2, for “45” substitute “35”; and
 - (b) in Proposition 3, for “35” substitute “25”.
2. To renumber Proposition 5 as Proposition 6 and to insert between Propositions 4 and 6 as thus renumbered:

“5. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable setting out detailed proposals to reduce the total number of People’s Deputies to 35 with effect from the 2012 General Election.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment proposes that the number of People’s Deputies shall be reduced from 45 to 35 with effect from the 2012 General Election, irrespective of whether or not the States establishes some form of island-wide voting.

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Proposed by: Deputy B L Brehaut

Seconded by: Deputy C A Steere

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1. To substitute the figures in Propositions 1 to 3 as follows:
 - (a) in Propositions 1 and 2, for “45” substitute “40”; and
 - (b) in Proposition 3, for “35” substitute “30”.
2. To renumber Proposition 5 as Proposition 6 and to insert between Propositions 4 and 6 as thus renumbered:

“5. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable setting out detailed proposals to reduce the total number of People’s Deputies to 40 with effect from the 2012 General Election.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment proposes that the number of People’s Deputies shall be reduced from 45 to 40 with effect from the 2012 General Election, irrespective of whether or not the States establishes some form of island-wide voting.

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Proposed by: Deputy R R Matthews

Seconded by: Deputy J A B Gollop

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To renumber Proposition 5 as Proposition 7 and to insert between Propositions 4 and 7 as thus renumbered:

“In the event of the States rejecting propositions 1, 2 and 3 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

5. That with effect from June 2011:

(a) the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, be further amended to provide:

- (i) that there shall be 15 Deputies elected Island-wide, initially for a three-year term, and thereafter for successive four-year terms;
- (ii) that these Island-wide Deputies shall be elected by the votes of the electors of the Islands of Guernsey and Alderney;
- (iii) that a candidate for the office of Island-wide Deputy must be nominated by fourteen persons, being two persons on the Electoral Roll from each of the seven existing electoral districts in Guernsey; and
- (iv) on a transitional basis, that the States of Deliberation shall, if necessary, include an increased number of People's Deputies so as to accommodate any Deputies elected in the June 2011 election who are not already sitting People's Deputies; and

- (b) 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:
 - (i) that eligibility to hold the office of Chief Minister shall be restricted to an Island-wide Deputy; and
 - (ii) that the Chief Minister and the Ministers of Departments in office immediately prior to the election in June 2011 shall be deemed to have tendered their resignations from office to take effect from an appropriate date following the election of the 15 Island-wide Deputies.

6. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable, and in any event before the end of 2010, 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 and the procedure at, and conduct of, the elections to be held from June 2011.”.

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Proposed by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

Seconded by: Deputy S J McManus

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To renumber Proposition 5 as Proposition 7 and to insert between Propositions 4 and 7 as thus renumbered:

“In the event of the States rejecting propositions 1, 2 and 3 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

5. 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 be:
 - (i) a Chief Minister elected by Island-wide voting from persons eligible to hold the office of Chief Minister in accordance with rule 20(2A) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation;
 - (ii) 10 Deputies elected on the same day by Island-wide voting; and
 - (iii) 34 Deputies elected on the same day by the votes of electors in each of the current electoral districts.

6. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable, and in any event before the end of 2010, setting out detailed proposals relating to the allocation of the 34 seats to be distributed across the electoral districts and the procedure at, and conduct of, the elections comprising the General Election to be held with effect from 2012.”.

Explanatory Note

This is a compromise amendment designed to afford partial Island-wide voting should full Island-wide voting be rejected by the States. It reflects elements of the former Conseiller system. Depending on the detailed proposals to follow, each member of the public would be presented with two, or even three, ballot papers. Ideally, the election for the Island-wide representatives,

including the Chief Minister, would involve a single ballot paper enabling the elector to choose up to 11 candidates, with the ballot paper containing an additional column in which the elector can further identify one of the candidates being voted for, who is formally a candidate for the office of Chief Minister, as the person the elector wishes to see become Chief Minister. If electors choose only to vote for candidates who are not also candidates for Chief Minister, no vote could be cast in respect of the election for Chief Minister. The most popular candidate wishing to be Chief Minister would be so elected and the 10 other most popular candidates would be elected as Island-wide Deputies. The reduction in electoral district Deputies would probably result in 5 per district, save for the least populous district, which would have 4 Deputies, but the detailed distribution should be the subject of further proposals from the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, along with the detailed proposals for the conduct of such a General Election and any consequential amendments required to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and the States Resolutions governing the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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“In the event of the States rejecting propositions 1, 2 and 3 above, whether they are of the opinion:-

5. 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 be 11 Island Deputies elected Island-wide for a four-year term and 34 Deputies elected on the same day by the votes of electors in each of the current electoral districts for a four-year term, provided that when elections for both offices occur on the same day candidates may seek election to one such office only.
6. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as soon as practicable, and in any event before the end of 2010, setting out detailed proposals relating to the allocation of the 34 seats to be distributed across the electoral districts and the procedure at, and conduct of, the elections comprising the General Election to be held with effect from 2012.”.

Explanatory Note

This is a compromise amendment designed to afford an element of Island-wide voting should fuller Island-wide voting be rejected by the States. It reflects the former Conseiller system. Each voter would be presented with two ballot papers. The reduction in electoral district Deputies would probably result in 5 per district, save for the least populous district, which would have 4 Deputies, but the detailed distribution should be the subject of further proposals from the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, along with the detailed proposals for the conduct of such a General Election and any consequential amendments required to the Rules of Procedure of the

States of Deliberation and the States Resolutions governing the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

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Proposed by: Deputy M P J Hadley
Seconded by: Deputy J A B Gollop

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To renumber Proposition 5 as Proposition 6 and to insert between Propositions 4 and 6 as thus renumbered:

“5. 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.”.