

**STATES OF DELIBERATION**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**Proposition No. P.2017/49**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy P T R Ferbrache

Seconded by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

**STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

**REFERENDUM ON GUERNSEY'S VOTING SYSTEM**

For Propositions 1 to 10 substitute the following Propositions -

- "1. To rescind the following proviso contained in Resolution 22.1 of 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 on Billet d'État III of 2016; "provided that such a system shall first have been approved in an island wide referendum".
2. To agree that the issue of island-wide voting should be decided by the States of Deliberation and not by means of a referendum.
3. To agree that the only option for electing deputies on an island-wide basis should be;
  - 1 island-wide electoral district
  - each voter to have 38 votes at each election
  - each Deputy to serve four years
  - an election to be held every 4 years for all Deputies at once.
4. To direct the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee, after consultation with the Committee *for* Home Affairs –
  - (a) to determine the changes that would need to be made to legislation and electoral policy and practice in order to enable the general election, due to be held in 2020, to be conducted in accordance with the option set out in Proposition 3, and
  - (b) to report its conclusions to the States by way of suitable Propositions and a Policy Letter to be submitted to Her Majesty's Greffier by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018."

### **Explanatory Note**

The public view as to whether or not there should be island wide voting is clear. There is therefore no need to spend lots of money on having a referendum, and in any event the issue of whether or not to hold a referendum should be an issue determined by the States of Deliberation. Furthermore it is considered that there is only one realistic way of having island wide voting and that is the option noted above in inserted Proposition 3.