

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

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Proposition P.2019/132

STATES' ASSEMBLY AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

GENERAL ELECTION 2020 – SECOND POLICY LETTER

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez

Seconded by: Deputy R H Tooley

1. Immediately after Proposition 1 to insert the following proposition:-

"1A. To agree that there shall be made available by the States of Guernsey a grant of up to £500 which may be claimed by a candidate for the production and distribution of campaign materials and which shall count for the purpose of the candidate's permitted electoral expenditure."

2. To delete Proposition 2 and substitute therefor:-

2A. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £3,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2A shall have fallen,

2B. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £4,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2B shall have fallen,

2C. "2 To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £5,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2C shall have fallen,

2D. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a

political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £6,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2D shall have fallen,

2E. "2 To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £7,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2E shall have fallen,

2F. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £8,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2F shall have fallen,

2G. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £9,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

3. To delete Proposition 3 and substitute therefor:-

"3. To agree that expenditure by a political party on promotion of the party and its policies in an election for the office of People's Deputy is only permissible by virtue of candidates affiliated to that party assigning a maximum of 50% of their permitted electoral expenditure to the party, and that such expenditure by a political party in any election may not exceed in total twice the permissible electoral expenditure for an individual candidate or £9,000, whichever is the lesser."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first amendment proposes a grant of up to £500 (that can be redeemed on the production of invoices, as in previous elections) to help candidates with campaign expenses. This would have an additional financial cost of around £50,000, assuming there are around 100 candidates and that they all claim the grant to its full value.

There then follows a range of options (2A to 2G) relating to the permissible electoral expenditure for candidates.

There then follows a consequential amendment that caps party expenditure at twice the permitted electoral expenditure for an individual candidate or £9,000, whichever is the lesser.