

STATES OF DELIBERATION

16th February, 2016

Billet d'État No. III Article 22

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P L Gillson
Seconded by: Deputy C Green

Requête Island Wide Voting Referendum

To delete all of the propositions and substitute:

- “1. That for the term following the 2020 General Election, all deputies shall be elected on an island-wide basis and all voters shall have the same number of votes as there are deputies' seats.
2. That with effect from the 2024 General Election, unless the States shall have resolved that the same or an alternative system of election on an island-wide basis shall be continued, all deputies shall again be elected in electoral districts, as at present.
3. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as expeditiously as possible with the changes necessary, including changes to legislation, to give effect to Propositions 1 and 2.”.

Explanatory Note

This amendment would introduce the purest form of Island Wide Voting for the 2020 election, but with the safeguard that the use of IWV for subsequent elections would be conditional upon the Assembly passing a positive resolution to do so, otherwise the 2024 election will revert to the 2016 electoral district structure. Details of the various operational processes need to effect IWV are contained in the reports appended to SACC's letter of comment.

Rule 15(2) information

The actual cost of a single district election will depend upon the exact process, however General costs estimated in the February 2011 Billet were estimated at £40,000, electronic counting at £25,000 and the full cost of delivering a 'manifesto' package to each household occupied by at least one elector was thought to be in the region of £19,000. The overall cost, therefore, for a single Island-wide election held every four year.; with manifestos delivered was estimated to be £84,000. In addition, extra polling booths may be required and the cost of these could be in the region of £7,500, but this would be a one-off cost. Applying RPIX between December 2010 and December 2015 reflate the total to £100,596.

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Proposed by: Deputy A M Wilkie
Seconded by: Deputy C J Green

Requête Island Wide Voting Referendum

To add a proposition as follows:

- “4. To direct the Committee for Home Affairs to lay before the States by no later than December 2017 a detailed proposal concerning the formation of an automatic electoral roll ”.

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Proposed by: Deputy M J Fallaize
Seconded by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

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To delete propositions 1-3 and to substitute therefor:

- “1. That for 2020 General Election and thereafter, all deputies shall be elected on an island-wide basis and all voters shall have the same number of votes as there are deputies’ seats provided that such a system shall first have been approved in an island wide referendum.
2. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to report to the States as expeditiously as possible detailing the proposals to give effect to Proposition 1 including the methodology of the election and the holding of a referendum.”.

Explanatory Note and Rule 15(2) information

This amendment makes it clear that deputies will only be elected on an Island wide voting basis provided a referendum has first taken place, the implications of which are as set out in Article 22 of Billet D’Etat No. III of 2016.

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Proposed by: Deputy M. J. Fallaize
Seconded by: Deputy R. Conder

Requête – Island-wide Voting Referendum

After Proposition 3, to insert:

“In the event that Propositions 1 – 3 have been carried:

4. To rescind Resolution 38 of the 9th July 2015 on Billet d'État XII of 2015.”

For information - Resolution 38 of the 9th July 2015

The resolution which would be rescinded is as follows:

“38. To direct:

a) that starting in May 2016 the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee shall:

i. consider and investigate a range of workable methods of electing Peoples' Deputies, including the possibility of all or some Deputies being elected in a single electoral district; the possibility of all Deputies being elected in fewer districts than at present; and the option of single transferable votes for Guernsey elections;

ii. present that range of workable models to the States of Deliberation by no later than their meeting in June 2018, together with the Committee's recommendations;

iii. examine the merits and implications of any Resolutions made by the States after consideration of those recommendations being subject to endorsement in a public referendum; and, if thought appropriate, to include in the same policy letter further recommendations for the holding of such a referendum;

b) that the Committee shall consult with, and take evidence from, the widest possible range of persons from among the membership of the States, of Parliaments in other jurisdictions, those with expertise and experience of electoral processes in other jurisdictions, and the general public in Guernsey.”