

The Options in the Referendum

The States has agreed to hold a multi-option referendum on the method of electing People's Deputies to the States of Deliberation. The draft legislation underpinning this referendum – the *Electoral System Referendum (Guernsey) Law, 2018* – was presented and approved by the States of Deliberation on 7th February, 2018. It is intended that the referendum will be held on **Wednesday 10th October, 2018**.

The referendum will ask the electorate which of the following options should be used to elect Deputies:

Option A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 island-wide electoral district to elect 38 Deputies • An election would be held every 4 years for all Deputies at once • Each voter would have 38 votes at each election • Each Deputy would serve for 4 years.
Option B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 electoral districts to elect 38 Deputies • An election would be held every 4 years for all Deputies at once • Each voter would have 5 or 6 votes at each election (number of votes dependent on the size of the population of the district) • Each Deputy would serve for 4 years.
Option C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral Districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 island-wide electoral district to elect 10 island-wide Deputies; and ○ 7 electoral districts to elect 28 district Deputies • Elections would be held every 4 years for all Deputies, with the election for the island-wide Deputies taking place first and the election for the district Deputies taking place at a later date • Each voter would have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 votes for island-wide Deputies; and ○ 3, 4 or 5 votes for district Deputies in their own electoral district (number of votes dependent on the size of the population of the district) • Each Deputy would serve for 4 years.
Option D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 electoral districts to elect 38 Deputies • An election would be held every 4 years for all Deputies at once • Each voter would have 9, 10 or 11 votes at each election (number of votes dependent on the size of the population of the district) • Each Deputy would serve for 4 years.
Option E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 island-wide electoral district to elect 38 Deputies • An election would be held every 2 years for a third of Deputies each time • Each voter would have 12 or 13 votes at each election • Each Deputy would serve for 6 years.