

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

24th October, 2018

Proposition No. P.2018/78

STATES' ASSEMBLY AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION AND
THEIR COMMITTEES

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy M M Lowe

1. After Proposition 1(aa), to insert the following:

"(bb)(i) To insert, following Rule 26.(7), the following:

"(8) A vote recorded by electronic equipment authorised for that purpose by the States of Deliberation shall have the same status as a vote by appel nominal.";

(ii) To agree in principle that, from no later than the start of the next States' term, voting within the States of Deliberation shall be by means of a system of simultaneous electronic voting along the lines envisioned in the policy letter entitled "Simultaneous Electronic Voting in the States of Deliberation" (Article 18, Billet d'Etat XIX, 2011); and

(iii) To direct the States Assembly & Constitution Committee to recommend to the States the purchase and use of a suitable system of simultaneous electronic voting, and any further changes to the Rules of Procedure which may be necessary, at the earliest possible opportunity within this States' term."

Rule 4(3) Information

While SACC are not, at this stage, being directed to purchase anything, the 2011 policy letter on "Simultaneous Electronic Voting in the States of Deliberation" estimated that the cost of installing a suitable system of simultaneous electronic voting would be around £20,000. Previous estimates had been around £30,000.

Explanatory note

The use of electronic voting in Parliaments has grown steadily since the policy letter of 2011. At the same time, this amendment supports the 'Digital Visionary Government' strand of the Digital Framework and sends out the message that the States of Guernsey embraces technology.