

STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

20th May, 2020

Proposition No. P. 2020/99

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2020

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy E A McSwiggan

Seconded by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

To insert the following Proposition –

- “2. To direct the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee to review the feasibility of holding a General Election in November 2020 or in March, April or May 2021 (instead of June 2021) and:
- (a) if of the opinion that it is feasible to hold such an Election in November 2020, to bring a policy letter to the States no later than July 2020, or
 - (b) if of the opinion that it is feasible to hold such an Election in March, April or May 2021, to bring a policy letter to the States no later than six months ahead of the proposed Election date, and
 - (c) in either case, to include in that policy letter the propositions necessary to enable a General Election to be held on the proposed date, together with information as to how such an Election could be held in accordance with Public Health advice, depending on the extent of the Covid-19-related health risks prevailing at the time.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment provides a mechanism for the date of the General Election to remain under review, and for the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee to propose an earlier date than June 2021 if it is feasible to do so. In doing so, the Committee must consider how such an Election could be conducted in a manner consistent with Public Health advice, in respect of the possible health risks associated with Covid-19.