24th June 2015

Billet d'État No. XI Article 10

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A Spruce Seconded by: Deputy P Gillson

<u>States Assembly and Constitution Committee</u> <u>General Election 2016</u>

To add a further proposition as follows:

- "9. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to lay before the States of Deliberation no later than the States meeting in January 2016
 - a) amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and the Rules relating to the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees, specifically to require Declarations of Unspent Convictions, that is to say of any criminal convictions resulting in sentences of imprisonment which are not to be treated as spent pursuant to the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002. This additional declaration to be made and lodged with the Greffier and published by him, in the same manner and at the same time that existing Declarations of Interest are required to be so made, lodged and published;
 - b) proposals to extend the requirements in relation to Declarations of Unspent Convictions, to candidates at elections for the office of People's Deputy; to ensure appropriate verification of such declarations, and to create a specific offence of knowingly or recklessly making false statements in them; and directing the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to those proposals.".

Explanatory note

Currently, whilst a sentence of 6 months imprisonment or longer imposed in the previous 5 years makes a person ineligible for election to the States of Deliberation, candidates need not declare, or prove the absence of, any criminal record. It is felt that members and candidates should be required to declare all convictions for the most serious criminal offences, whenever incurred, which is one effect of linking the proposed requirements to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Law. This is proposed in the interests of good governance, maintaining the highest ethical standards, and reducing the risk of legitimate criticism due to inadequate process in the event of a major scandal.

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M H Dorey Seconded by: Deputy C J Green

<u>States Assembly and Constitution Committee</u> <u>General Election 2016</u>

In Proposition 1, to delete "Wednesday, 20th April 2016" and substitute "Wednesday, 27th April, 2016".

Explanatory Note

This avoids having the election during the school holidays.

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy S. J. Ogier Seconded by: Deputy P. A. Luxon

<u>States Assembly and Constitution Committee</u> <u>General Election 2016</u>

To add a further proposition as follows:

"9. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee and the Policy Council jointly to investigate and liaise with the appropriate authorities of the States of Jersey concerning the merits and implications of, and potential modalities for achieving, a closer alignment in the future between the terms of office of elected Members of the States of Deliberation and the States of Jersey; and to report the outcome of that liaison, either in a Policy Letter containing recommendations or in a Statement under the Rules of Procedure."

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A Wilkie Seconded by: Deputy R Jones

<u>States Assembly and Constitution Committee</u> <u>General Election 2016</u>

To insert a further proposition, immediately after proposition 4, as follows:

"4A. To direct the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to consider measures that would facilitate the electronic distribution of manifestos by candidates in the General Election and future elections and, if the Committee deems it appropriate, to implement any such measures in time for the General Election;"

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AMENDMENT

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

States' Assembly & Constitution Committee

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In Proposition 2, to add "and the Vale" immediately before "at 8 a.m."; and to delete "and those in the district of St Sampson and the Vale" and substitute therefor "and in the district of St Sampson".