

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 4th September 2025
(meeting conducted by email).

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Héliér - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey
Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe
Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson
Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

In attendance: Mrs S. Parkin, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

Draft Elections
(Senators)
(Jersey)
Amendment
Law 202-
P.56/2025 – 4th
amendment –
comments

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 18 of 14th July 2025 and minute no. 1 of 21st August 2025, noted that a fourth amendment had been lodged to the Draft Elections (Senators) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.56/2025) which, if adopted, would require a separate election day to be held for Senators on Sunday 3rd May 2026, with the elections for Connétables and Deputies remaining on 7th June 2026. The Fourth amendment, if adopted, would also amend the timelines for the nomination of candidates and the announcement of candidates.

The Comité concluded that a single election day on Sunday 7th June 2026 should be maintained for all Senators, Connétables and Deputies and agreed it should submit comments to the States Assembly on the Fourth amendment in relation to the following points:

- a) The background to the introduction of a ‘single election day’ and reference to the States Assembly adoption of P.109/2009 “Composition and election of States: single election day each year”.
- b) The combination of elections on the same day to reference that, in 2008, the Senators and Connétables elections were held on the same day with the Deputies elections a month later (a single election day was introduced in 2011). This was considered the more logical combination and was explained in the report of the Privileges and Procedures Committee which accompanied the draft Connétables (Jersey) Law 200- (P.184/2007). Should the Assembly decide to return to two election days, the Connétables elections should be held on the same day as the Senators.
- c) Timelines: the Fourth amendment, if adopted, would amend the timelines for the nomination of a candidate and for the announcement of candidates but the references were to ‘days’ (rather than ‘working days’) and were unlikely to give adequate time to make all the arrangements required including for hustings for the election of Senators and for postal and pre-poll voting processes.
- d) Financial and staffing implications: the Fourth amendment referenced the election costs in 2022 when there was one polling day on a Wednesday. These were not

considered to be indicative of the costs of holding a second election day in 2026 on the Sunday of a bank holiday weekend. The availability of volunteers to assist over a bank holiday weekend might also be limited. The financial and staffing implications in the report to the Fourth amendment should be reassessed.

Chairman Date