

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

11th December, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/107

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Review of the Rules of Procedure

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy DJ Mahoney

Seconded by: Deputy MAJ Helyar

To insert an additional Proposition as follows:

“To insert the following paragraphs immediately after Rule 43 (5) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees:

- “ (6) In any Committee, on a motion in writing brought by a majority of the voting members to remove the sitting Vice-President, the President shall, at the first meeting of the Committee following submission to the President of the motion, cause there to be held an open ballot, or secret ballot at the request of any member, for the removal of the sitting Vice-President. Should a majority of voting members support the removal, then the Vice-President’s term of office shall come to an end immediately and the election of a replacement Vice-President shall take place in accordance with paragraph (1).
- (7) In any Committee, should any sitting Vice-President wish to voluntarily stand down from the position they may do so by submitting their resignation as Vice-President to the Committee President in writing and such resignation shall be effective from, and the Vice-President’s term of office shall come to an end on, the date of the first meeting of the Committee following such resignation, and a replacement Vice-President shall be elected at that meeting in accordance with paragraph (1).”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by seeking to improve the procedures of the States of Deliberation by sorting an anomaly that currently exists.
- b) In preparing the proposition, the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee were not consulted.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

This Amendment seeks to close a gap in the Rules of Procedure concerning the anomaly that exists around the removal or resignation of a committee Vice-President as the current Rules are silent on the matter.