

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION****of the****ISLAND OF GUERNSEY****PROJET DE LOI**

Entitled

**THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2025**

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to confirm Resolution III of Billet d'État VII of 2025.<sup>1</sup>

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Projet amends Article 29 of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 to provide that there will be a by-election if there are three or more casual vacancies in the office of Deputy before the 1st December next preceding the date of a General Election, save that if three or more casual vacancies occur on or after that date the Presiding Officer may direct that an election be held to fill them.

The Projet was put before the States on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, where it received a majority of 22 votes pour and 13 votes contre. Under Article 3(5)(i) of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 an application by nine Members of the States was presented to the Presiding Officer for the resolution to be brought back to the States as soon as may be after the expiration of three months from the date of the resolution.

The resolution shall be declared lost unless confirmed by a majority.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Reform \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Law, 2025, P.2025/28](#)

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The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Projet de Loi entitled "The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2025", and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to His Majesty praying for His Royal Sanction thereto.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Projet amends Article 29 of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 to provide that there will be a by-election if there are three or more casual vacancies in the office of Deputy before the 1<sup>st</sup> December next preceding the date of a General Election, save that if three or more casual vacancies occur on or after that date the Presiding Officer may direct that an election be held to fill them.



# PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

## **The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2025**

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024<sup>a</sup> have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

### **Amendment of the Reform Law.**

1. (1) The Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948<sup>b</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (2) of Article 29 (holding of Deputies' Elections), substitute –

"(2) If three or more casual vacancies in the office of Deputy occur before the first day of December next preceding the date of a General Election they shall be filled by election, and any person so elected shall hold office for the remainder of the term then current.

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<sup>a</sup> Article X of Billet d'État No. VII of 2024.

<sup>b</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 288; this enactment has been amended.

(2A) Without prejudice to paragraph (2), if three or more casual vacancies occur after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November next preceding the date of a General Election it shall be in the discretion of the Presiding Officer of the States whether or not an election shall be held to fill the vacated offices until the date of such General Election."

**Citation.**

2. This Law may be cited as the Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2025.

**Commencement.**

3. This Law shall come into force on the date of its registration in the Records of the Island of Guernsey.