

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

24th January, 2024

Proposition No. 2023/119

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

GENERAL ELECTION 2025

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy T L Bury

Seconded by: Deputy V Oliver

1. To insert a new proposition after proposition 5 as follows:-

“6. To direct SACC to consult with relevant stakeholders, including with the public, Bailiwick Law Enforcement and with Guernsey Vetting Bureau with a view to determining whether persons wishing to stand for Election as a People’s Deputy should, and can, be required to undergo a Standard or Enhanced DBS check and if so, whether the results of any such check should be included in the written declaration made by candidates when declaring their eligibility to stand for the office of People’s Deputy, and to report back to the States in such time that would allow any changes to be implemented for the General Election in 2025.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- (a) This proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by ensuring freedom to stand for election is balanced against the need to secure a safe community.
- (b) The opportunity to consult with the States’ Assembly and Constitution Committee was requested.
- (c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- (d) There are not considered to be any financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

This amendment directs SACC to consult with stakeholders, including the Guernsey Vetting Bureau, with a view to determining whether persons wishing to stand for Election as a People's Deputy should, and can, be required to undergo a Standard or Enhanced DBS check and if so, whether the results of such a check should be made public by candidates when declaring their eligibility to stand for the office of People's Deputy. The Guernsey Vetting Bureau (GVB) is the Registered Umbrella Body which facilitates access to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in the UK and are best placed to advise as to whether candidates seeking to hold office as a People's Deputy would be eligible for standard or enhanced DBS checks, under the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) rules.