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A **LAW** to extend the jurisdiction of Centeniers in connection with criminal cases¹

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

1 Application

This Law shall have effect notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary.

2 Exercise of powers reserved to Centeniers²

The powers reserved to a Centenier by Article 3(2) of the [Honorary Police \(Jersey\) Law 1974](#) may be exercised by a Centenier of a parish other than that in which the offence was committed if the Centenier of that other parish has been authorized, by a Centenier of the parish in which the offence was committed, to act on the latter's behalf.

3 Presentation of accused by Centenier³

In any case before the Magistrate's Court, a Centenier of one parish may present before the Court a person accused of the commission of an offence in another parish if the Centenier has been authorized by a Centenier of that other parish to act on the latter's behalf.

4 Extension of functions etc. of Centenier⁴

A Centenier acting pursuant to Article 3 shall, with regard to the case before the Court, fulfil the same functions and have the same powers and duties (including the ability to amend, substitute or add a charge) as the Centenier would have had if the offence had been committed in the Centenier's own parish and Article 23 of the [Criminal Procedure \(Jersey\) Law 2018](#) shall be construed accordingly.

5 Parish hall inquiry⁵

The Centenier of a parish shall have, in another parish, all the powers to conduct and decide an inquiry into an allegation that an offence has been committed in that other parish that he or she would have in respect of such an inquiry in his or her own parish if he or she has been authorized, by a Centenier of the other parish, to conduct the inquiry.

6 Authority of Centenier⁶

A Centenier acting in purported exercise of an authority under Article 2, 3 or 5 shall be presumed to have acted with due authority unless the contrary is proved.

7 Citation⁷

This Law may be cited as the Criminal Procedure (Centeniers) (Jersey) Law 1996.

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and Number	Commencement
Criminal Procedure (Connétables and Centeniers) (Jersey) Law 1996	L.16/1996	24 May 1996
Criminal Procedure (Connétables and Centeniers) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2009	L.2/2009	9 January 2009
Connétables (Miscellaneous Provisions – Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 2014	R&O.81/2014	1 August 2014 (R&O.80/2014)
States of Jersey Police Force Law 2012	L.37/2012	1 August 2014 (R&O.87/2014)
Criminal Procedure (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 2021	R&O.94/2021	1 October 2021

Table of Endnote References

¹ Long title	<i>amended by R&O.81/2014</i>
² Article 2	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014, amended by L.37/2012</i>
³ Article 3	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014</i>
⁴ Article 4	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014, editorial change, “procédure criminelle” deleted, “Procédure Criminelle” inserted instead, amended by R&O.94/2021</i>
⁵ Article 5	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014</i>
⁶ Article 6	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014</i>
⁷ Article 7	<i>substituted by R&O.81/2014</i>