

**Jersey Law 13/1966**

**“SEIGNORIAL RIGHTS (ABOLITION) (JERSEY) LAW, 1966”,**

CONFIRMÉ PAR

**Ordre de Sa Majesté en Conseil**

en date du 11 novembre 1966.

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*(Enregistré le 16 décembre 1966).*

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**SEIGNORIAL RIGHTS (ABOLITION) (JERSEY) LAW, 1966.**

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**A LAW** to abolish those seignorial rights from which financial advantage accrues and to make provision in related matters, sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council of the

**11th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.**

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*(Registered on the 16th day of December, 1966).*

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**STATES OF JERSEY.**

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The 12th day of October, 1965.

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**THE STATES**, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law : -

**ARTICLE 1**

**ABOLITION OF SEIGNORIAL RIGHTS**

- (1) The following seignorial rights are hereby abolished –
  - (a) the right of the “année de succession” ;
  - (b) the right to the possession of property during a “décret”.

(2) Whereas divers Fiefs in the Island belong to Her Majesty, the States have resolved humbly to pray that Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council may be pleased to consent to the application of this Article to those Fiefs.

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ARTICLE 2

**ESCHEAT, WAIFS AND WRECK**

The following rights heretofore vested in Seigneurs de Fiefs shall vest in Her Majesty –

- (a) rights to property by escheat (“dëshérence”);
- (b) rights to waifs or strays (“choses gaives”), wrecks of the sea, flotsam, jetsam and lagan (“varech”).

ARTICLE 3

**ABOLITION OF RESTRICTION ON ALIENATION OR  
DIVISION OF LAND OR RENTES IN RELATION TO FEUDAL  
SERVICES**

Any restriction imposed on the alienation or division of land or rentes for the purpose of securing the performance of the services of prévot, sergent, bedel, halberdier or any other feudal service is hereby abolished.

ARTICLE 4

**AMENDMENT IN RELATION TO CONTRACTS**

In all contracts of alienation or division of land, the vingtaine of the parish, instead of the fief, where the land is situated shall be stated.

ARTICLE 5

**ABOLITION OF TAVERNAGE DUES**

Tavernage dues are hereby abolished.

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ARTICLE 6

**REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS**

(1) The enactments mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Law are hereby repealed to the extent set out in the second column of that Schedule.

(2) Nominations of taverners in the Parish of Saint Ouen and the Fief de La Motte insofar as they are valid at the date on which this Law comes into force shall remain valid up to and including the twenty-fourth day of December next following that date and, during that period, the provisions of the Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1950,<sup>1</sup> except insofar as they relate to the renewal of licences, shall apply to such taverners as if they were holders of licences of the first category.

ARTICLE 7

**INTERPRETATION**

References in this Law to any enactment include references to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

ARTICLE 8

**SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

This Law may be cited as the Seignorial Rights (Abolition) (Jersey) Law, 1966, and shall come into force on such day or days as the States may by Act appoint.

<sup>1</sup> Tome 1949–1950, page 441.

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**(Article 6)**

**ENACTMENTS REPEALED**

**FIRST COLUMN.**

Code of Laws, confirmed by Order of His Majesty in Council of the 28th day of March, 1771.<sup>2</sup>

“Règlement sur les testaments d’immeubles, confirmé par Ordre de Sa Majesté en Conseil en date du 7 août 1851”.<sup>3</sup>

“Règlement sur la commutation des droits seigneuriaux, confirmé par Ordre de Sa Majesté en Conseil en date du 30 juin 1860”.<sup>4</sup>

“Loi (1862) sur les teneures en fidéicommiss et l’incorporation d’associations”.<sup>5</sup>

**SECOND COLUMN.**

Under the title “Dîme” the words “et cinq livres pour chacune vergée qui doit Dîme et Campart”.

The “Serment des Sénéchaux des cours subalternes”.

In Article 29, the words “Les droits que Sa Majesté et les Seigneurs de Fiefs pouvaient avoir, avant la passation de la présente Loi, à une année de jouissance dans les successions collatérales ;”.

The whole “Règlement”.

Articles 13 to 16.

<sup>2</sup> Code des Lois, (2e édition), pages 82 et 304.

<sup>3</sup> Tome II, page 16.

<sup>4</sup> Tome II, page 101.

<sup>5</sup> Tome II, pages 153 à 155.

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“Loi (1904) (Amendement No. 2) sur la propriété foncière”. <sup>6</sup>	In Article 7, the words from “sauf à la quitter” to the end.
“Loi (1923) sur la commutation des droits seigneuriaux”. <sup>7</sup>	The whole Law.
Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1950. <sup>8</sup>	In paragraph (1) of Article 11, the words “the tavernage clues (if any)”.
Seigneurial Rights (Commutation) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law, 1953. <sup>9</sup>	In sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of Article 18, the words “and the tavernage dues (if any)” and in sub-paragraph (b) of the said paragraph (1), the words “and dues (if any)”. Article 46. The whole Law.

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<sup>6</sup> Tomes IV-VI, page 228.

<sup>7</sup> Tomes IV-VI, page 560

<sup>8</sup> Tome 1949–1950, pages 447 et 473, et Acte des États du 28 avril 1959 (R & O. 4058).

<sup>9</sup> Tome 1951–1953, page 661.