



Jersey

AMENDMENT (No. 48) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY

*Made**18th November 2020**Coming into force**19th November 2020*

THE STATES make the following Amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey¹ under Article 48 of the States of Jersey Law 2005² –

1 Standing order 55A substituted

For standing order 55A of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey³ there is substituted –

“55A Members present and able to vote by means of electronic communication in exceptional circumstances

- (1) This standing order applies during the period of a state of emergency, as defined by the Emergency Powers and Planning (Jersey) Law 1990⁴, and at any other time when the Bailiff considers that it might not be possible to convene or maintain a quorate meeting of the States in view of substantial risk to the health of members of the States or any other person.
- (2) The Greffier must make arrangements to enable elected members who are absent at the start of a day on which the States is meeting to participate in the meeting by means of electronic communication. The arrangements may include the meeting being conducted entirely by means of electronic communication.
- (3) Elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication –
 - (a) are entitled to vote, under this standing order; and
 - (b) are entitled to ask a question, speak in a debate, propose a proposition or amendment, and otherwise contribute to the proceedings of the States in the same manner as members present in the Chamber, subject to any modifications to procedure and practice directed by the Bailiff.
- (4) When this standing order applies, the provisions of these Standing Orders relating to voting are varied as follows –

- (a) standing votes are permitted, where practicable, with the Bailiff making any provision that the Bailiff considers necessary to enable elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication to vote;
 - (b) where there are members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication, any reference in these Standing Orders to a “secret ballot” is read as a reference to an “open ballot”;
 - (c) where a recorded vote using the electronic voting system is taken, elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication must inform the Greffier of their vote by means of electronic communication no later than the end of the time allowed for votes to be cast and, if necessary, the Greffier must inform the presiding officer of the numbers of those members voting “Pour”, “Contre” or abstaining, so that the presiding officer can combine those votes with the votes cast using the electronic voting system and declare the result;
 - (d) standing order 92(8) to (10) apply as if the votes cast under this paragraph were cast using the electronic voting system;
 - (e) where a recorded vote is taken by open ballot, elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication must inform the Greffier of their vote, or the name of the candidate for whom they are voting, by means of electronic communication no later than the end of the time allowed for the ballot and the votes so taken are treated as if they were written on ballot papers in accordance with standing order 94;
 - (f) where a recorded vote is taken by roll call vote, elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication must vote by saying “Pour”, “Contre” or abstain or inform the Greffier of their vote by means of electronic communication no later than the time allowed for the roll call and, if necessary, the Greffier must inform the presiding officer of the numbers of those members voting “Pour”, “Contre” or abstaining, so that the presiding officer can combine those votes with the votes cast by members in the Chamber.
- (5) Elected members participating in the meeting by means of electronic communication may declare an interest under standing order 106 by means of electronic communication to the Greffier. The Greffier must inform the presiding officer of any interests so declared and the presiding officer must read out the member’s name and the nature of the interest.”.

2 Citation and commencement

This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 48) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and comes into force on the day after it is made.

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

<i>1</i>	<i>chapter 16.800.15</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>chapter 16.800</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>chapter 16.800.15</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>chapter 23.100</i>