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A LAW to provide for the holding of referendums in Jersey

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

1 Holding of a referendum

- (1) The States may by Act resolve that a referendum be held on any matter, and this Law shall apply in any case where the States have so resolved.
- (2) The Act shall –
 - (a) fix the date for the holding of the referendum; and
 - (b) set out the form of the ballot paper to be used in the referendum, including the text of the question or questions to be asked in the referendum.
- (3) The Act –
 - (a) may make such other provision as to the conduct of the referendum and for announcing its result as the States consider necessary or expedient; and
 - (b) without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (a), may, subject to Articles 2 and 3, apply in relation to the referendum, with such adaptations, modifications or exceptions as may be specified in the Act, any provisions of any enactment for the time being in force relating to public elections to the States, including any provisions that create or relate to offences.

2 Persons entitled to vote

- (1) A person shall be entitled to vote in the referendum if, at midday on the day that is 21 days before the date of the referendum, the person's name is on an electoral register kept for the purposes of public elections to the States.¹
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where an Act under Article 1 has the effect that a referendum is to be held on the same day as an ordinary

election that is to be held pursuant to Article 6 of the States of Jersey Law 2005², the Act may provide that the persons who are entitled to vote in the referendum are the persons who are entitled to vote in the ordinary election.³

3 Exclusion of legal proceedings

No court shall entertain any proceedings for questioning the numbers of any ballot papers counted, or the answer given, in the referendum.

4 Expenses

The expenses incurred in the holding of the referendum shall be defrayed in such manner as the Act of the States providing for the referendum may prescribe or, otherwise, out of the annual income of the States.

5 Citation

This Law may be cited as the Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002.

ENDNOTES**Table of Legislation History**

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Referendum (Jersey) Law 2002	L.37/2002	15 November 2002
Referendum (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2014	L.12/2014	21 June 2014

Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
None	

Table of Endnote References

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- ¹ Article 2(1) *renumbered by L.12/2014*
² *chapter 16.800*
³ Article 2(2) *added by L.12/2014*