

ORDER IN COUNCIL

**XIV
2020**

ratifying a Projet de Loi

ENTITLED

The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2020

**(Registered on the Records of the Island of Guernsey on the 29th
April, 2020.)**



2020



In the Royal Court of the Island of Guernsey

The 29th day of June, 2020 before Richard James McMahon, Bailiff; present:, Stephen Murray Jones, OBE, Esquire, Terry John Ferbrache, Jonathan Grenfell Hooley, Esquires, Joanne Marie Wyatt, Alan Stevenson Boyle, Peter Francis Gill, Paul Martin Burnard, Esquires and Felicity Jane Quevâtre-Malcic, Jurats

The Bailiff, having this day placed before the Court an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated 23rd June 2020, approving and ratifying a Projet de Loi of the States of Guernsey entitled “The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2020”. THE COURT, after the reading of the said Order in Council, ORDERED

1. That the said Order in Council be registered on the records of this Island.

J TORODE
Her Majesty’s Greffier



At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The following report from the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey was today read at the Board:

“In accordance with Your Majesty’s General Order of Reference of 22nd February 1952 the Committee have considered a Petition of the States of Guernsey:

“That, in pursuance of their Resolutions of 18th February 2016, 17th March 2016 and 25th April 2019, the States of Deliberation at a meeting on 26th September 2019 approved a Projet de Loi entitled the Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) (No. 2) Law, 2019 and requested the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction to it. That the Projet de Loi is as set forth in the attached Schedule. The Petition most humbly prays that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to sanction the Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) (No. 2) Law, 2019, and to order that it shall have force of law in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

“The Committee have considered the Projet de Loi and have agreed to report that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to approve and ratify it”.

Her Majesty, having taken the report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve and ratify the Projet de Loi (a copy of which is annexed to this Order) and to order that it, together with this Order, shall have the force of law in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou and shall be entered on the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

Her Majesty’s Officers in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and all others whom it may concern, are therefore to take notice of Her Majesty’s Order and to proceed accordingly.

PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment)

Law, 2020

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolutions of the 15th April, 2020^a and the 21st May, 2020 have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

Amendment of the Reform Law.

1. (1) Subject to section 3 (expiry), the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948^b is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 26(2), Article 30(2), and in Article 29 each time it appears, for "2020" substitute "2021".

^a Billet d'État No. X of 2020.

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 288; as amended by Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIV, p. 407; Vol. XVI, p. 178; Vol. XVIII, p. 275; Vol. XIX, pp. 84 and 140; Vol. XXII, p. 122; Vol. XXIII, p. 476; Vol. XXV, p. 326; Vol. XXVI, p. 255; Vol. XXIX, p. 56; Vol. XXX, p. 16; Vol. XXXI, pp. 164 and 278; Vol. XXXII, p. 41; Vol. XXXIV, p. 397; Vol. XXXVI, p. 478; Vol. XXXVIII, pp. 150 and 295; Order in Council No. XIII of 2003; No. III of 2004; No. II of 2007; No. XX of 2007; Nos. XIII and XXII of 2008; No. VII of 2010; Nos. II and XIV of 2012; No. XVII of 2015; No. II of 2020; Ordinance No. XXXIII of 2003; No. XXVI of 2008; No. XXXII of 2011; No. IX of 2016; No. XXVII of 2019; and No. IV of 2020.

(3) At the start of paragraph (2) of Article 29 insert "Subject to paragraph (2A)," and after paragraph (2) insert –

"(2A) A casual vacancy in the office of Deputy occurring before the General Election to be held in 2021 shall not be filled by election."

(4) After paragraph (3) of Article 29 insert –

"(4) The States may from time to time by Ordinance modify the application of this Article, and any other provision in this Part, for the purpose of enabling a General Election to be held at a time other than as provided for in paragraph (1).

(5) The provisions of Article 3(5) (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the proviso thereto) apply in relation to an Ordinance under paragraph (4) as those provisions apply in relation to a Projet de Loi intended to repeal or vary any of the provisions of this Law."

Amendment of the States Reform (Guernsey) Law, 2015.

2. Section 1 (General Election: 2016) of the States (Reform) Guernsey Law, 2015^c is repealed.

Expiry.

3. The amendments to Article 29 of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 made by section 1(3) shall cease to have effect on 1st January, 2022.

^c Order in Council No. XVII of 2015.

Citation.

4. This Law may be cited as the Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2020.

Commencement.

5. This Law shall come into force on the day of its registration on the Records of the Island of Guernsey.