

**STATES OF ALDERNEY  
ORDINANCE OF THE STATES**

Made ..... 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1979  
Coming into force ..... 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1979

**THE STATES OF ALDERNEY (ELECTION PROCEDURE)  
ORDINANCE, 1979**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (2) of section thirty-nine of The Government of Alderney Law, 1948, as amended (a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

1. The Alderney States Election Procedure Ordinance, 1954, is hereby repealed.

**The Register of Voters:**

2. The form of the register of voters shall be in accordance with Form I annexed to this Ordinance.
3. The register of voters shall be available for inspection by the public on all working days during office hours except for the days upon which polling for States elections takes place.
4. Any person who desires to make a claim to be included in the register of voters shall lodge an application in Form II annexed to this Ordinance with the Clerk of the States who shall deal with it in accordance with Section 40 of The Government of Alderney Law, 1948, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Law").
5. Any person who desires to object to an existing entry in the register shall state the grounds of his objection in writing and deliver it to the Clerk who before deciding it shall give notice and an opportunity of being heard to any person affected by the objection.

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(a) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p.416; Vol.XVI, p. 202; Vol.XXII, pp 107 and 192; Vol.XXIII, P.156; Vol.XXV, p.321; No. II of 1977.

6. No alteration, addition or deletion in the register may be made between the day before the first day appointed for the receipt of nominations for any election or by-election and the day after polling has taken place for such election or by-election.

**Nominations:**

7. When the States have under section 34 of the Law appointed a day for an election or by-election, the Clerk shall give notice that nominations will be received by him during office hours during a period of seven days, or more if the States so direct, ending not less than ten days before the day appointed for such election or by-election.
8. A nomination shall be made in Form III annexed to this Ordinance which shall be delivered to the Clerk during the period appointed by the next preceding section hereof signed by the Proposer and Secunder who must be persons included in the current register of voters, and by the candidate.
9. A nomination may be withdrawn by the person nominated at any time before the day appointed for polling.

**Polling:**

10. Polling for an election or by-election shall take place on the day appointed by the States between the hours of 9.30 am and 6.30 pm. Before every election and by-election the Clerk shall give notice of the day and time of polling in the accustomed manner in Alderney and in the Guernsey newspaper in which official notices are usually published.
11. Each candidate shall have the right to be present in person or to have one representative in the polling room during polling hours, but no other person, except a voter about to record his vote or an official engaged in business connected with the polling may enter the polling room. Persons who have recorded their votes shall quit the polling room as soon as they have done so.
12. The Clerk and the Police shall regulate the manner in which voters are admitted to the polling room.
13. The Court shall appoint three or more Jurats to count the votes. The count shall begin immediately after the close of the poll. Each candidate or his representative shall have the right to be present during the count and other persons may be admitted at the discretion of the Clerk.

14. If owing to the manner in which a voting paper has been marked, there is any reasonable doubt as to the intention of the voter, the Jurats who are counting shall order that the voting paper shall be invalid. The Jurats' opinion as to whether there is reasonable doubt or not shall be final.
15. Any voting paper which is found at the time of counting to bear any other mark besides the printed matter than one or more 'X', except such marks as in the opinion of the Jurats have been caused accidentally, shall be invalid.
16. Any person who causes a disturbance during polling or counting of votes or obstructs voters or officials or Jurats lawfully engaged in the business of polling or counting votes, or who enters the polling room without reason or authority, or who, being requested by the Clerk or the Police to leave the polling room, refuses or neglects to do so, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.

**Citation:**

17. This Ordinance may be cited as The States of Alderney (Election Procedure) Ordinance, 1979.

**Commencement:**

18. This Ordinance shall come into force on the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.



This nomination paper having been duly delivered by one of the above-named and the Proposer, Seconder and Candidate all being entered in the register of Voters now in force, I hereby declare ..... to be duly nominated to stand as candidate for election for Membership/President of the States of Alderney.

Dated ..... Clerk of the States .....