

**Registration of Electors Bill 2020 –
Third Reading approved**

Mr Thomas to move:

That the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 be read the third time.

The Speaker: I call on Mr Thomas to move Third Reading.

Mr Thomas: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Firstly, thank you to Hon. Members for supporting the suspension of Standing Orders to allow for the Third Reading of the Bill to be taken today.

Mr Speaker, I am also grateful to Hon. Members for their contributions to the Bill throughout, and the consultations before that, particularly Mr Hooper who has paid such close attention to so many parts of it.

This Bill modernises the system of electoral registration which, as we all know, is an essential part of ensuring that democratic elections can be held in the Isle of Man.

It introduces the concept of individual and continuous registration, improves the process of registration for the electorate and generates efficiencies for Government.

This legislation will result in a more accurate and complete electoral register, thereby supporting efforts to strengthen political engagement and increase voter turnout.

I thank the officers who have prepared this legislation so diligently and so professionally. I thank seconders and movers.

With that, Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 be read for the third time.

The Speaker: Mr Harmer.

Mr Harmer: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

The Speaker: I put the question that the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 be read for the third time. I presume the motion will be carried unless any Member indicates dissent, which they should do now.

Mr Hooper has indicated dissent, so we shall move to a vote.

The Speaker: Mr Moorhouse, if you are there and you can hear me, could you cast your vote, please?

The Deputy Secretary: Mr Speaker, Mr Moorhouse has sent in a vote by email and it is a yes.

Voting resulted as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
Dr Allinson	None
Mr Ashford	
Mr Baker	
Mrs Barber	
Mr Boot	
Mrs Caine	
Mr Callister	
Mr Cannan	
Mrs Corlett	
Miss Costain	
Mr Cregeen	

Ms Edge
Mr Harmer
Mr Hooper
Mr Moorhouse
Mr Peake
Mr Perkins
Mr Quayle
Mr Robertshaw
Mr Shimmins
Mr Skelly
Mr Speaker
Mr Thomas

The Speaker: In which case, by my rudimentary maths, I make that 23 votes in favour and none against. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Hon. Members, that completes the business before the House this afternoon. Congratulations for your forbearance and very well done to those who were quick off the draw with their speaker finger.

The House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 19th in Tynwald Court.

Thank you very much.

The House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.