



## **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2015**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*These notes are circulated for the information of Members with the approval of the Member in charge of the Bill, Mr W. M. Malarkey, MHK.*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.** These explanatory notes relate to the Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2015. They have been prepared by the Attorney General's Chambers in order to assist readers of the Bill. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by the House of Keys.
- 2.** The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill.

#### **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.** The Bill does not involve additional expenditure by, or reduce the income of, the Isle of Man Government.
- 4.** The Bill comprises 5 clauses. Its purpose is to rename the constituency which was named Douglas West when it was created by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act 2014 Douglas South on the basis that this better reflects its geographical location.

#### **EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (hereafter referred to as the "Convention")**

- 5.** Section 16 of the Human Rights Act 2001 requires the member moving the Bill to make a statement about the compatibility of the provisions of the Bill with the Convention rights. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill, the provisions of the Representation of the People ) Bill 2015 are compatible with the Convention rights.

#### **FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF THE BILL**

- 6.** The Bill will does not involve additional expenditure and has no effect on its income.

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#### **NOTES ON CLAUSES**

- 7.** **Clause 1** provides the short title of the resulting Act. In the absence of a provision enabling the making of an appointed day order, the Act will come into operation automatically on the day on which Royal Assent is announced to Tynwald.
- 8.** **Clause 2** provides that the resulting Act will expire on the first anniversary of the 2016 General Election, but that the expiry will not affect the continuing effect of the provisions in sections 4 and 5.

9. **Clause 3** defines "the 1995 Act" to mean the Representation of the People Act 1995,
10. **Clause 4** renames the constituency of Douglas West as Douglas South and consequentially amends section 11A of the 1995 Act.
12. **Clause 5** makes transitional and supplemental provision in connection with the renaming of the constituency, so as to provide a seamless transition in relation to the name of the constituency and the electoral process for the 2016 General Election so far as it affects the constituency. Clause 5(3) provides that no new map or designation of electoral wards is required for the constituency by virtue only of its renaming.