

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Hon. J. Brown
29.5.18
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BILL NO. 38

ELECTORAL SYSTEM REFERENDUM ACT

HOUSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED by

Hon. Jordan K. M. Brown, Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General

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BRIEFING NOTE

THIS MOTION amends Bill No. 38 by deleting section 2 of the Bill and substituting a new section 2 that clarifies the purpose of the Bill.

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MOVED THAT

1. **Bill No. 38 is amended by the deletion of section 2 and the substitution of the following:**
2. **Purpose**

The purpose of this Act is to make the process for the referendum transparent and fair, in order to obtain a clear expression of the will of Islanders, by

 - (a) establishing the referendum question to enable the expression of a sovereign decision by Islanders as to their electoral future;
 - (b) providing for the appointment of a Referendum Commissioner who is an officer of the Legislative Assembly and who will oversee related matters leading up to and after the referendum vote; and
 - (c) establishing a level playing field for those who wish to publicly oppose or support a change to the voting system as set out in the referendum question, by providing for public funding for organizations who register as registered referendum advertisers and are opposing or supporting one or the other of the possible answers to the referendum questions, and by limiting spending on paid advertising in a reasonable manner, for the public good, so that residents of the province have the opportunity to make a decision that is based on information from both points of view.