



# MOTION REGARDING AN INTERIM PROVISION TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2019-02-21

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council approved the Motion Regarding the Elections Timeline on September 13, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Winter 2019 Referendum Nomination Period ends on March 14, 2019 and the Polling Period begins on March 26, 2019: a twelve (12) day time period;

**WHEREAS**, the Section 4, Article 1.2 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda state that “The wording of a Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) days prior to the opening of polls”;

**WHEREAS**, the Section 4, Article 1.4 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda is too cumbersome;

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 “Interim Provisions” of the Internal Regulations of Governance allows the Legislative Council to adopt an immediate change “where the notice requirement is prohibitive or where the measure is temporary”;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** Section 4 “Referenda” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by amending Article 1.2 through an Interim Provision:

**1.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.** The Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question by way of a resolution. Any motion to place a question before the Society by the Legislative Council must be presented as a written motion signed by the number of Councillors stipulated in the Standing Rules, or where none exist, at least three (3) Councillors and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting of the Legislative Council. If passed, it will be put to Members during the following Referendum period. The wording of a



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Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council **fourteen (14) ten (10)** days prior to the opening of polls.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** this Interim Provision be in place only for the Winter 2019 Referendum period and expire March 14, 2019.

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APPROVED