

**Jersey Law 16/1996**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (CONNETABLES AND CENTENIERS)  
(JERSEY) LAW 1996**

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**A LAW** to extend the jurisdiction of Connétables and Centeniers in connection with criminal cases, sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council of the

**24th day of APRIL 1996**

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*(Registered on the 24th day of May 1996)*

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STATES OF JERSEY

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The 30th day of January 1996

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**THE STATES**, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law –

ARTICLE 1

**Application**

This Law shall have effect notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary.

ARTICLE 2

**Exercise of powers reserved to Connétables and Centeniers**

The powers reserved to a Connétable and a Centenier by subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (2) of Article 3 of the Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974,<sup>1</sup> as amended,<sup>2</sup> may be exercised by a Connétable or a

<sup>1</sup> Volume 1973-1974, page 376.

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Centenier of a Parish other than that in which the offence was committed if the Connétable or the Centenier of that other Parish has been authorized to act by and on behalf of the Connétable of the Parish in which the offence was committed.

ARTICLE 3

**Presentation of accused by Connétable or Centenier**

In any case before the Police Court, the Connétable or a Centenier of one Parish may present the accused before the Court on behalf of the Connétable of another Parish if he has been authorized to act by and on behalf of the Connétable of the Parish in which the offence was committed.

ARTICLE 4

**Extension of functions etc. of Connétable or Centenier**

A Connétable or a Centenier acting pursuant to Article 3 of this Law shall, with regard to the case before the Court, fulfil the same functions and have the same powers and duties (including the ability to amend, substitute or add a charge) as he would had the offence been committed in his own Parish and Articles 14, 15, 21 and 22 of the “Loi (1864) réglant la procédure criminelle<sup>3</sup>”, as amended, shall be construed accordingly.

ARTICLE 5

**Authority of Connétable or Centenier**

A Connétable or a Centenier acting in purported exercise of an authority under Article 2 or Article 3 of this Law shall be presumed to have acted with due authority unless the contrary is proved.

<sup>2</sup> Volume 1986-1987, page 81.

<sup>3</sup> Tomes I-III, pages 286, 288 and 289.

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ARTICLE 6

**Short title**

This Law may be cited as the Criminal Procedure (Connétables  
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