
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 406

**The Church Representation Rules
(Amendment) Resolution 2020**

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Registers of clerical and lay electors

11.—(1) In Rule 27 (diocesan electoral registration officer), in each of paragraphs (2) and (3), after “must” insert “, subject to paragraph (4),”.

(2) For paragraph (4) substitute—

“(4) Persons co-opted as members of the house of clergy or the house of laity of a deanery synod are not to be recorded in the register concerned.”

House of Laity of General Synod: composition

12.—(1) Rule 46 (membership of the House of Laity) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)(c)—

(a) before “chosen” insert “elected or”, and

(b) before “choice” insert “election or”.

(3) In paragraph (1)(f), after “may decide” insert “or, in so far as provision is not made in that manner, in such manner as the rules under Rule 56 provide”.

(4) In paragraph (4)(a)—

(a) for “(1)(e)” substitute “(1)(f)”, and

(b) omit the words from “(under” to the end.

Electoral areas

13. In Rule 51 (electoral areas), at the end insert—

“(6) Where a diocese is divided under this Rule—

(a) a diocesan elector who is a representative of the laity is entitled to vote in the area to which the body by which the elector was elected belongs;

(b) a diocesan elector who is not a representative of the laity is entitled to vote in whichever area the diocesan synod decides.”

Cathedral community roll: representation for habitual worshippers only

14. In Rule 83(6) (meaning of “community roll”), after “Cathedrals Measure 1999” insert “; but for the purposes of these Rules, a person’s name is to be treated as being on the community roll of a cathedral church only if the dean has declared the person to be a habitual worshipper”.

Parochial church council: term of office of co-opted member

15. In Rule M17 (PCC members: term of office), after paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) A person who is a member of the PCC under Rule M15(1)(k) (co-opted members) holds office as such for the period which—

- (a) begins when the decision to co-opt the person as a member takes effect, and
- (b) ends with the conclusion of the next annual meeting.

(5) Paragraph (4)(b) does not prevent the person being co-opted on subsequent occasions for a similar term.”