



Synodical Government Measure 1969

CHAPTER 2

SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969

- 1 Vesting of functions and authority of Convocations in a General Synod.
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- 4 Constitution and functions of Diocesan Synods.
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- 9 Short title, interpretation and extent.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Form of Proposed Canon

Of the General Synod and the Convocations

- 1 On such day as may be appointed by the Archbishops...
- 2 Notwithstanding such vesting as aforesaid, the said Convocation may continue...
- 3 The said Convocation may, by their Standing Orders or otherwise,...
- 4 The vesting of rights and privileges of the said Convocation...

SCHEDULE 2 — Constitution of the General Synod

- 1 The General Synod shall consist of the Convocations of Canterbury...
- 2 The House of Bishops and the House of Clergy shall...

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- 3 (1) The General Synod shall meet in session at least...
- 4 (1) The Archbishops of Canterbury and York shall be joint...
- 5 (1) A motion for the final approval of any Measure...
- 6 The functions of the General Synod shall be as follows:—...
- 7 (1) A provision touching doctrinal formulae or the services or...
- 8 (1) A Measure or Canon providing for permanent changes in...
- 9 (1) Standing Orders of the General Synod may provide for...
- 10 (1) The General Synod shall appoint a Legislative Committee from...
- 11 (1) The General Synod may make, amend and revoke Standing...
- 12 (1) References to final approval shall, in relation to a...
- 13 Any functions exercisable under this Constitution by the Archbishops of...

SCHEDULE 3 — Church Representation Rules Part I — CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Formation of Roll

- 1 (1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these...

Revision of Roll and Preparation of New Roll

- 2 (1) Except in a year in which a new roll...

Procedural provisions relating to entry and removal of names

- 3 (1) When a person applying for enrolment on the roll...

Certification of Numbers on Rolls

- 4 Not later than the 1st June the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary...
- 5 (1) A person whose name is entered on the roll...

Part II — PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS AND COUNCILS ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 6 (1) In every parish there shall be held not later...

Convening of Meeting

- 7 (1) The annual meeting shall be convened by the minister...

Chairman

- 8 (1) The minister, if present, or, if he is not...

Business

- 9 (1) The annual meeting shall receive from the parochial church...

Qualifications of persons to be chosen or elected by annual meetings

- 10 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(3) the qualifications...

Conduct of Elections at Annual Meetings

- 11 (1) . . . Subject to the provisions of any...

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Variation of method of election by scheme

- 12 (1) The annual meeting may . . . pass a...

Conduct of Elections of Churchwardens

- 13 (1) Elections of Churchwardens under the Churchwardens Measure 1999 shall...

Parochial Church Council Members

- 14 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(4)and paragraph (3)...

General Provisions relating to Parochial Church Councils

- 15 The provisions in Appendix II to these rules shall have...

Term of office

- 16 (1) Subject to the following provisions of these rules, representatives...

Limitation on years of service

- 17 The annual meeting may decide that no representative of the...

Parishes with more than one Place of Worship

- 18 (1) In any parish where there are two or more...

Joint Parochial Church Councils

- 19 (1) Where there are two or more parishes within the...

Team councils

- 20 (1) Where a team ministry is established for the area...

Group councils

- 21 (1) Where a pastoral scheme establishes a group ministry, the...

Special Meetings

- 22 (1) In addition to the annual meeting the minister of...

Extraordinary Meetings

- 23 (1) On a written representation made to the archdeacon by...
Part III — DEANERY SYNODS

Membership

- 24 (1) A deanery synod shall consist of a house of...

Election and choice of members

- 25 (1)
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Variation of Membership of Deanery Synods by Scheme

- 26 (1) If it appears to the diocesan synod that the...

Representation of Cathedral Clergy and Laity

- 27 (1) Any diocesan synod may provide by scheme for the...

Representation of persons to whom mission orders relate

- 27A (1) Any diocesan synod may, at the request of the...

Procedure

- 28 (1) The diocesan synod shall make rules for deanery synods...

Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer

- 29 (1) In every diocese, there shall be a diocesan electoral...

Part IV — DIOCESAN SYNODS

Membership of Diocesan Synods

- 30 (1) A diocesan synod shall consist of a house of...

Elections of Members of Diocesan Synods by Deanery Synods

- 31 (1) The elections of members of the diocesan synod by...

- 32 (1) Elections of members of the diocesan synod by the...

Variation of Membership of Diocesan Synods by Scheme

- 33 (1) If it appears to the diocesan synod that the...

Procedure of Diocesan Synods

- 34 (1) The diocesan synod shall make standing orders which shall...

Part V — HOUSE OF LAITY OF GENERAL SYNOD

- 35 (1) The House of Laity of the General Synod shall...

Elections of Members Number of Elected Members

- 36 (1) The total number of members directly elected and specially...

Qualification of Elected Members

- 37 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(3) and of...

Electoral Areas

- 38 (1) Subject to any division of a diocese under this...

Conduct of Elections

- 39 (1) Subject to any directions by the General Synod or...

- 40 (1) Rules defining the duties to be undertaken by the...

... Term of Office of membership of General Synod and other bodies

- 41 The term of office of elected members of the House...

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Ex-officio and Co-opted Members of the House of Laity

- 42 (1) The following persons, if they are not in Holy...
Part VI — APPEALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Enrolment Appeal

- 43 (1) There shall be a right of appeal with regard...

Election Appeals

- 44 (1) There shall be a right of appeal with regard...
45 For the purpose of the consideration and decision of any...

Vacation of Seat by Member ceasing to be Qualified for Election

- 46 (1) Where— (a) any lay member of a deanery synod,...
46A (a) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen...

Ex-Officio Membership not to Disqualify for Election

- 47 No . . . person shall be disqualified from being...
Part VII — SUPPLEMENTARY AND INTERPRETATION

Casual Vacancies

- 48 (1) Casual vacancies among the parochial representatives elected to the...

Resignations

- 49 Any person holding any office under these rules or being...

Notices

- 50 Any notice or other document required or authorised to be...

Constraints in Elections

- 51 (1) If in any election conducted in accordance with these...

Revocation and Variation of Rules, etc.

- 52 Subject to the provisions of these rules any power conferred...

Special Provisions

- 53 (1) In the carrying out of these rules in any...

Meaning of Minister, Parish and other words and phrases

- 54 (1) In these rules:—

APPENDIX I

SECTION 1

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON CHURCH ELECTORAL
ROLE**

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SECTION 2

FORM OF NOTICE OF REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

SECTION 3

FORM OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF NEW ROLL

SECTION 4

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SECTION 4A

APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE

SECTION 5

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO HOUSE OF CLERGY
OR HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

- 1 An election of..... members of the House of Clergy/Laity of...
- 2 Candidates must be nominated and seconded by qualified electors on...
- 3 The election will be decided by simple majority/ the single...
- 4 Nominations must be received by no later than 12 o'clock...

SECTION 6

FORM OF NOMINATION TO THE HOUSE OF CLERGY
OR HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

SECTION 7

FORM OF VOTING PAPER FOR ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF
CLERGY OR THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

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APPENDIX II

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

- 1 Officers of the council.
- 2 Meetings of Council.
- 3 Power to call meetings.
- 4 Notices relating to meetings.
- 5 Chairman at meetings.
- 6 Quorum and agenda.
- 7 Order of business.
- 8 Short Notice for emergency meetings.
- 9 Place of meetings.
- 10 Vote of majority to decide.
- 11 Casting vote.
- 12 Minutes.
- 13 Adjournments.
- 14 Standing committee.
- 15 Other committees.
- 16 An independent examiner or auditor of the Council's financial statements...
- 17 Validity of proceedings.
- 18 Interpretation.

SCHEDULE 4 — Transitional Provisions

Transfer of Functions from Convocations

- 1 (1) The transfer of functions from the Convocations of Canterbury...

Reconstitution of Church Assembly

- 2 (1) The reconstitution of the Church Assembly as the General...

Changes affecting Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences

- 3 (1) The dissolution of a diocesan conference and the transfer...

Commencement of Church Representation Rules

- 4 (1) The repeal of the Rules for the Representation of...

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- 5 (1) The first elections of parochial representatives of the laity...

Power to Remove Transitional Difficulties

- 6 (1) If any difficulty arises on or in connection with...

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