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SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 3

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 substituted (1.1.2020) by Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 (No. 1), s. 1(3), **Sch. 1** (with Sch. 3); S.I. 2019/1460, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 3 modified by Cathedrals Measure 1963 (No. 2), s. **12(3)** (as substituted (1.6.1992) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1992 (No. 1), s. 17(1), **Sch. 3 para. 10**; Instrument dated 27.5.1992 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York.
Sch. 3 modified (30.6.1999) by Cathedrals Measure 1999 (No. 1), ss. **12(4)**, 38(2)(3) (with ss. 33, 37, 38(5)(6))
- C1** Sch. 3 applied by Churchwardens Measure 2001 (No. 1), s. **5(7)** (as substituted (19.5.2014) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2014 (No. 1), s. 21(2), **Sch. 2 para. 15**; S.I. 2014/1369, art. 2)
- C1** Sch. 3 modified (coming into force in accordance with s. 53(3) of the amending Measure) by Cathedrals Measure 2021 (No. 2), ss. **40(3)**, 53(3) (with ss. 42(4), 48, 52(1)) (as amended (coming into force in accordance with s. 22(3) of the amending Measure) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2024 (No. 1), s. 22(3), **Sch. 1 para. 24**)
- C1** Sch. 3: power to modify conferred (coming into force in accordance with s. 53(3) of the amending Measure) by Cathedrals Measure 2021 (No. 2), ss. **41(2)(d)**, 53(3) (with ss. 42(4), 48, 52(1))

PART 5

HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Entitlement to vote

- 54 (1) A person is entitled to vote in an election to the House of Laity held in a diocese if, at the close of nominations, the person is a diocesan elector in that diocese.
- (2) In each diocese other than the diocese in Europe, the diocesan electors are the members of the house of laity of each deanery synod in the diocese, apart from any person who is—
- (a) co-opted under Rule 18(2), or
 - (b) a lay member of a religious community which has separate representation in the General Synod under Rule 46(1)(c).
- (3) In the diocese in Europe, the diocesan electors are the persons elected by the annual meeting of each chaplaincy, with the number to be elected being determined by the

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bishop's council and standing committee of the diocese; and a person is qualified for election as a diocesan elector if he or she is a lay person—

- (a) who is an actual communicant,
 - (b) who is aged 18 or over, and
 - (c) whose name is entered on the electoral roll of a chaplaincy in the diocese.
- (4) The deadline for qualifying as a diocesan elector in an election to the House of Laity is 6.00 a.m. on—
- (a) the date of the dissolution of the Synod, or
 - (b) in the case of an election to fill a casual vacancy, the date on which invitations to nominate are issued.
- (5) The diocesan electoral registration officer must, at least 21 days before invitations to nominate are issued under Rule 55, give the secretary of each deanery synod in the diocese a copy of the names and addresses recorded in the register of lay electors.
- (6) The secretary of each deanery synod must, within seven days of receiving the copy names and addresses, provide the diocesan electoral registration officer with—
- (a) if the names and addresses are correct, a certificate in writing to that effect, or
 - (b) if they are not correct, a notification in writing of the corrections required.
- (7) In ascertaining for the purposes of paragraph (6) whether the names and addresses are correct, the secretary of each deanery synod must ask each elector who has not provided an email address whether he or she wishes to provide one.
- (8) The diocesan electoral registration officer must, no later than seven days before invitations to nominate are issued under Rule 55, give a copy of the names and addresses (with any corrections required having been made) to the presiding officer in the election.
- (9) The register of lay electors must be available for inspection at the diocesan office during the period beginning with the issue of invitations to nominate under Rule 55 and ending with the close of nominations.
- (10) The register of lay electors must, in the form in which it is made available for inspection, include the name of each elector but no other personal data.
- (11) Corrections to the register may be made up until the close of nominations; but after the close of nominations, no names may be added to or removed from the register until the declaration of the result of the election.]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Measure associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Measure (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 11 words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 31(3)(c) word substituted by [2020 No. 2 s. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 40(9) words inserted by [S.I. 2020/406 para. 9\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 68(7)(a) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 69(6)(a) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 69(11)(d) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 71(1) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)