

## GENERAL SYNOD

### DRAFT CLERGY REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 200-

In exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 10 of Canon H2 enabling the General Synod to make rules relating to representation in the Lower House of Convocation, the General Synod hereby resolves that the rules contained in the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to 1999 shall be amended as follows:-

#### ELECTION OF DEANS

1. In rule 1 the words "and Provosts" shall be omitted, for the word "ten" there shall be **substituted the word "three" and for the word "five" there shall be substituted the word "two"**.
- 2 In rule 3 **for the word ten there shall be substituted the word "three" and for the word "five" there shall substituted the word "two"**.
3. For rule 4 there shall be substituted the following rule –
  - "4. The Dean of Guernsey and the Dean of Jersey shall agree and, in default of agreement, the Bishop of Winchester shall determine, which of them shall represent the Channel Islands in the Lower House of Convocation next constituted after the making of these Rules and the same procedure shall be adopted in the case of each subsequent Convocation."
4. In rule 5 for the words "his successor in office" there shall be substituted the words "the other Dean".

#### ELECTION OF ARCHDEACONS

5. For rules 6 and 7 there shall be substituted the following rules -

- "6. The presiding officer shall issue citations to all the archdeacons in the dioceses in each province (**except the Diocese in Europe**), in respect of the election of eight persons from among their number in the Province of Canterbury and four persons from among their number in the Province of York.
7. The presiding officer shall be the registrar of the province or a person appointed by him.
- 7A If, in the case of the Province of Canterbury, eight persons only are nominated or, in the case of the Province of York, four persons only are nominated, the presiding officer shall declare them to be duly elected, but if more candidates are nominated than the seats to be filled the election shall be conducted in accordance with these rules."

#### **ELECTION OF PROCTORS FOR DIOCESES**

6. In rule 8(a) and (b) for "4(a)" there shall be substituted "4".

#### **ELECTION OF PROCTORS FOR UNIVERSITIES**

7. For the heading to Rule 12 there shall be substituted the following heading "Qualifications for university electors" and for the words from the beginning to "qualified" there shall be substituted the words "The qualifications referred to in paragraph 4(e) of Canon H 2 shall be that the electors".
8. Rules 13 to 14 are hereby revoked.

#### **CHOICE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**

9. In rule 15 for the words "of the province" there shall be substituted the words "of the Province of Canterbury" and for the words "in the province" there shall be substituted the words "in each province".
10. In rule 17 for the words "of the province" there shall be substituted the words "of the Province of Canterbury".
11. In rule 18 the words "of the province" shall be omitted.

12. In rule 19 for the words "one candidate is" there shall be substituted the words "two candidates are" and for the word "him" there shall be substituted the word "them".

13. After rule 19 there shall be inserted the following rule –

"19.A The candidates elected shall be eligible to appear only in the Lower House of the Convocation of the province in which their mother house is situated."

## **CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

14. In rule 20 –

(a) in paragraph (2), after the words "the candidate's birth" there shall be inserted the words "and a statement as to whether the candidate is seeking re-election and, if so, **as to the dates** of the candidate's previous service";

(b) **in paragraph (3)(b) after the word “electors” there shall be inserted the words “(including, if an elector has authorised the use of an electronic mail address, that address)”;**

(c) in paragraph (4), for the words "sufficient copies of the addresses to be provided by the candidates at their own expense" there shall be substituted the words "of which one copy shall be provided by the candidates at their own expense" **and after the word “delivered” there shall be inserted the words “or sent by electronic mail”;** and

(d) in paragraph (6), after the word "candidate" there shall be inserted the words "and a statement as to whether the candidate is seeking re-election and, if so, **as to the dates** of the candidate's previous service".

## **CASUAL VACANCIES**

15. In rule 23 –

(a) **in paragraph (1) for the words “within six months from issue of the citation referred to in paragraph (2) hereof” there shall be substituted the words “, so far as possible,**

**within six months of the occurrence of the vacancy and, in the event of the vacancy not being filled within that period, the Prolocutor of the Lower House may give directions to the presiding officer as to the date by which the vacancy must be filled”;** and

- (b) in **paragraph** (3A) for the words "and provosts constituencies, in the university constituencies and in the religious communities constituencies" there shall be substituted the words "constituencies and in the religious communities constituency" and **after** the words "the archbishop of the province" there shall be **added** the words "**or the Archbishop of Canterbury as the case may be**".
16. (1) This resolution may be cited as the Clergy Representation (Amendment) Rules 200- and the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to 1999 and this resolution may be cited together as the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to ....
- (2) Any reference in this resolution to a numbered rule is a reference to the rule bearing that number in the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to 1999.
- (3) **This resolution shall come into force on the same day as the date of the coming into force of Amending Canon No. 26, except that it shall not have effect in relation to the filling of vacancies in the membership of the Convocations in existence on that date.**