

A Simplification Task Group was established in 2014 to consider constraints caused to the mission and growth of the Church of England by existing canons, legislation, regulations and procedures, and to bring forward options and proposals for simplification and deregulation.

The Task Group recommended changes to legislation which has led to the [Legislative Reform Measure 2018](#) being enacted.

The legislative changes are important, but the implementation is even more important. The Legislative Reform Measure enables Synod, through a Committee, to remove burdens by making it possible, in certain cases and subject to a number of safeguards, to amend or repeal some Acts of Parliament and Church Measures by way of orders without going through the full legislative process that applies to Measures. This Measure will be used to consider several pieces of legislation.

Consultations

Following a consultation process, the Legislative Reform Committee, on behalf of the Archbishops' Council, have laid two draft orders and explanatory documents before the General Synod under section 5(1) of the Legislative Reform Measure 2018.

Members of General Synod and other interested parties were invited to make submissions for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee. The Committee received six such submissions and they can be found [here](#). The Scrutiny Committee will be meeting in early 2021, and their Report will be submitted to the February Group of Sessions for consideration by General Synod.

Relevant Documents

- [GS 2193 - Pensions Board LRO](#)
- [GS 2193X - Pensions Board LRO Explanatory Notes](#)
- [GS 2194 - Church Commissioners LRO](#)
- [GS 2194X - Church Commissioners LRO Explanatory Notes](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

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