

# Draft Naming of Dioceses Measure

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A DRAFT of a Measure to amend the law relating to the naming of dioceses in the Church of England; and for connected purposes.

## 1 Naming of dioceses

- (1) The name of a diocese may be taken either from the see of the bishop of the diocese or from the geographical area within which the see of the bishop is situated.
- (2) **Where the name of the diocese is to be taken from the geographical area within which the see of the bishop is situated, the style and title of the bishop may be taken either from that name or from the name of the see (with the reorganisation scheme or petition under the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 which provides for the name specifying what the style and title of the bishop is to be).** 5  
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- (3) **In section 4 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (reorganisation schemes) –**
  - (a) **in subsection (3), at the beginning of paragraph (e), insert “the re-naming of a diocese or”, and**
  - (b) **after that subsection insert –** 15  

**“(3ZA) Where a diocese is to be renamed under subsection (3), with the name to be taken from the geographical area within which the see of the bishop of the diocese is situated, the scheme must specify what the style and title of the bishop is to be in accordance with section 1(2) of the Naming of Dioceses Measure 20--.”** 20
- (4) **In section 11 of that Measure (the title to which and the cross-heading before which each become “Change of name of diocese or see”) –**
  - (a) **in subsection (1), after “powers of Her Majesty in Council in relation to” insert “dioceses or”,** 25
  - (b) **in that subsection, after “change the name” insert “of any diocese or”, and**
  - (c) **after that subsection insert –**

**“(1A) Where the name of a diocese is to be changed under subsection (1), with the name to be taken from the geographical area within which the see of the bishop of the diocese is situated, the petition must specify what the style and title of the bishop is to be in accordance with section 1(2) of the Naming of Dioceses Measure 20--.”** 30
- (5) Sections 4 and 5 of the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533 **have effect** subject to sections 4(3) and 11 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 and this section. 35

## 2 Citation, commencement and extent

- (1) This Measure may be cited as the Naming of Dioceses Measure 20--.

- (2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Measure is passed and section 1 comes into force on such day as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York may by order jointly appoint.
- (3) This Measure extends to the whole of the provinces of Canterbury and York except the Isle of Man, except that section 1 only extends to the Channel Islands in accordance with subsection (4). 5
- (4) Section 1 may be extended to the Channel Islands as defined in the Channel Islands (Church Legislation) Measures 1931 and 1957 or either of them, in accordance with those Measures.
- (5) The power to make an order conferred by subsection (2) is exercisable by statutory instrument and the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 applies to any such order as if it had been made by a Minister of the Crown and as if this Measure were an Act. 10