

GENERAL SYNOD

**THE CONVOCATIONS (ELECTIONS TO THE UPPER HOUSE) (AMENDMENT)
RESOLUTION 201-**

In exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 5 of Canon H 3 enabling the General Synod to make rules relating to representation in the Upper Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York, the General Synod hereby resolves that the rules contained in the Convocations (Elections to Upper House) Rules 1989 to 2005 shall be amended as follows:—

ELECTIONS

1. In Rules 1 and 3—

(a) for “four” substitute “five”, and

(b) for “three” substitute “four”.

2. For Rule 2 substitute -

“2. Every candidate must be nominated and seconded by a qualified elector in the province in question. All nominations shall be in writing, shall include the year of the candidate’s birth and a statement as to whether the candidate has previously served as a member of the Upper House of the Convocation and, if so, as to the dates of the candidate’s previous service and shall be delivered either by post, as an attachment to electronic mail, by facsimile transmission or in person to the presiding officer, together with evidence of the candidate’s consent to serve, within such period, being a period of not less than twenty-eight days ending on such date as may be specified by the presiding officer.”

3. After Rule 7(5) insert—

“(6) For the purposes of paragraph (2), the time when the period for holding a general election is due to begin is the time when the Convocations of the Provinces are dissolved under section 1(2) of the Church of England Convocations Act 1966.”

APPEALS

4. In Rule 8(3)(f), for “the Central Board of Finance”, in each place it appears, substitute “the Archbishops’ Council”.

FINAL PROVISIONS

5. (1) This resolution may be cited as the Convocations (Elections to the Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201- and this resolution and the Convocations (Election to Upper House) Rules 1989 to 2005 may be cited together as the Convocations (Election to Upper House) Rules 1989 to 201-.
- (2) Any reference in the resolution to a numbered rule is a reference to the rule bearing that number in the Convocations (Election to Upper House) Rules 1989 to 2005.
- (3) This resolution shall come into force on the same date as the date of the coming into force of Amending Canon No. 32; but nothing in this resolution shall have effect in relation to the composition of, or the filling of vacancies in the membership of, the Convocations in existence on the date on which this resolution comes into force.