
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

20-- No. 0000

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 20--

Made (passed by the General Synod) ***

Laid before Parliament ***

Coming into force - - ***

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7(1) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969(a) the General Synod resolves to amend the Church Representation Rules(b) as follows.

In accordance with that section the General Synod has passed this resolution with a majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1.—(1) This Resolution may be cited as the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 20-- and the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2009(c) and this Resolution may be cited together as the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 20--.

(2) In this Resolution any reference to a rule or Appendix is a reference to the rule or Appendix bearing that number in the Church Representation Rules.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) below this Resolution shall come into force as follows—

- (a) paragraphs 1 to 8 shall come into force on the same dates as the coming into force of Amending Canon No. 32; and
- (b) paragraphs 9 to 13 shall come into force on 1st January 2015.

(4) Nothing in this Resolution will affect the composition of, or the filling of vacancies in, the House of Laity of the General Synod in existence at the date of its coming into force or the membership of a member of the House of Laity at that date.

(a) 1969 No 2.

(b) The Church Representation Rules are contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 and were amended by the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2009 (S.I. 1973/1865, 1980/178, 1981/959, 1650, 1984/1039, 1040, 1989/2094, 2095, 1994/3118, 1995/3243, 1998/319, 1999/2112, 2004/1889, 2009/2129), by the Diocese in Europe Measure 1980 (1980 No 2), by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 (1986 No 3), by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (1991 No 1), by the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 (1993 No 2), by the Team and Group Ministries Measure 1995 (1995 No 1), by the National Institutions Measure 1998 (1998 No 1), by the Cathedrals Measure 1999 (1999 No 1), by the Churchwardens Measure 2001 (2001 No 1), by the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 2003 (2003 No 1), by the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (2007 No 1).

(c) S.I. 1973/1865, 1980/178, 1981/959, 1650, 1984/1039, 1040, 1989/2094, 2095, 1994/3118, 1995/3243, 1998/319, 1999/2112, 2004/1889, 2009/2129.

Number of Elected Members

2. In Rule 36(1) for “136 for Canterbury and 59 for York” substitute “195”.
3. In Rule 36(1) omit “the diocese in Europe which shall elect two members, and”.
4. In Rule 36(2) omit “shall apportion the number so fixed to the Provinces of Canterbury and York in a proportion of 70 to 30 or as nearly as possible thereto as may be and”.

Conduct of Elections

5. In Rule 39(3) after “register of electors” insert “or at some other address notified in writing to the presiding officer before the close of nominations”.
6. In Rule 39(4) for “is seeking re-election” substitute the words “has previously served as a member of the House of Laity”.
7. After Rule 39(6) insert—

“(6A) It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, before voting papers are issued, to post or cause to be posted on the website of the diocese concerned copies of all election addresses received by the due date in the prescribed form, together with a list of all candidates.”

Vacation of Seat by Member ceasing to be Qualified for Election

8. In Rule 46A(c), omit “the Central Board of Finance,”.

Appendix I – Synodical Government Forms

9. In paragraph 1 of the application form for enrolment contained in Section 1 of Appendix I, after “I am baptised and am” insert “a lay person,”.
10. In the form of notice for revision of church electoral roll contained in Section 2 of Appendix I, after “Under the Church Representation Rules any” insert “lay”.
11. In the form of notice of preparation of new roll contained in Section 3 of Appendix I, after “Under the Church Representation Rules” insert “lay”.
12. In the notice of election contained in Section 5 of Appendix I, omit paragraph 4.
13. In the form of nomination contained in Section 6 of Appendix I for “Year for birth” substitute “Year of birth” and omit “so as to be received no later than 12 noon on...”.

Approved by the General Synod on []
Church House, London

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J Philips

Clerk to the Synod

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Resolution of the General Synod of the Church of England, which was passed in accordance with section 7(1) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969, amends the Church Representation Rules contained in Schedule 3 to that Measure.

Paragraph 1 deals with citation, interpretation and commencement.

Paragraph 2 amends the number of members to be elected to the House of Laity of the General Synod.

Paragraph 3 removes the limit on the number of members of the House of Laity who may be elected from the Diocese in Europe.

Paragraph 4 removes the requirement that the number of members to be elected to the House of Laity from the dioceses of the Provinces of Canterbury and York must be in the proportions 70 to 30.

Paragraph 5 amends the rules for elections to the House of Laity to allow a voter to require a voting paper to be sent to an address other than that recorded in the register of lay electors.

Paragraph 6 amends the requirements as to the contents of nomination forms for elections to the House of Laity.

Paragraph 7 imposes a new duty on presiding officers in elections to the House of Laity to publish candidates' election addresses and lists of candidates on the diocesan website.

Paragraph 8 removes a reference to a body which has ceased to exist.

Paragraphs 9 to 11 amend a number of model forms relating to the church electoral roll of a parish to make it explicit that only lay persons can have their name entered on the roll.

Paragraphs 12 and 13 amend model forms relating to elections to a diocesan synod by removing the requirement to submit nomination forms by 12 noon.