
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 0000

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

 The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution
 2014

Made (passed by the General Synod) ***

Laid before Parliament ***

Coming into force - - - *1st May 2015*

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 2014 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 2014.

(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 on 1st May 2015.

(4) Nothing in this Resolution will affect the position of any person appointed by a parochial church council as a member of its standing committee before the date on which this Resolution comes into force.

Procedural provisions relating to entry and removal of names

2. Rule 3 is omitted.

(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) and 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.

Appendix II – General Provisions relating to Parochial Church Councils

3. In paragraph 2 of Appendix II—

- (a) for “not less than four meetings” in the first place substitute “at least one meeting”, and
- (b) omit the words from “and if not more than four meetings” to the end.

4. In paragraph 4 of Appendix II—

- (a) omit sub-paragraph (a), and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “the meeting” in the first place substitute “a meeting of the council” and omit the words from “provided that the notice” to the end.

5. In paragraph 6 of Appendix II omit the words from “and no business” to the end.

6. Omit paragraph 7 of Appendix II.

7. In paragraph 14(a) of Appendix II—

- (a) omit “consisting of not less than five persons”;
- (b) for “shall by resolution appoint at least two other members” substitute “may by resolution appoint other members”; and
- (c) for “the appointed members” substitute “appointed members”.

8. In paragraph 15 of Appendix II after “The minister shall be” insert “entitled to be”.

9. After paragraph 15 of Appendix II insert—

“15A. The council may delegate to the standing committee or any other committee such functions as it thinks fit.”.

10. After paragraph 16 of Appendix II insert—

“16A. Subject to the provisions of these rules and of any other enactment the council shall have power to regulate its own procedure.”.

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

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 revokes certain obligations on parochial church councils ('PCCs') to notify other PCCs in connection with removals, and proposed removals, from church electoral rolls.

Paragraph 3 reduces the minimum number of meetings that each PCC must hold in a year from four to one.

Paragraph 4 removes the requirement for notice of every PCC meeting to be posted at or near the principal door of every church or building licensed for public worship in the parish at least ten clear days before the meeting is to take place.

Paragraph 5 removes the prohibition on the transaction of any business at a PCC meeting which is not specified in the agenda unless at least one-third of the members are present and three-quarters of the members present and voting agree.

Paragraph 6 removes the requirement that business at a PCC meeting be transacted in the order specified in the agenda unless the PCC resolves otherwise.

Paragraph 7 reduces the minimum number of members of the standing committee of a PCC.

Paragraph 8 removes the requirement for the minister to be an *ex officio* member of all committees established by the PCC and replaces it with a provision under which he or she will be entitled to be a member of all such committees but does not have to be.

Paragraph 9 confers a new express power allowing a PCC to delegate functions to its committees.

Paragraph 10 confers a new express power allowing a PCC to regulate its own proceedings, subject to any specific requirements of the Rules or any other enactment.