
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 0000

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

**The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) [(No. 1)] 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(1) the General Synod resolves to amend the Church Representation Rules(2) 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) [(No. 1)] Resolution 2014 and the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2009(3) 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.

(1) 1969 No 2.

(2) 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) and by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2014 (2014 No 1).

(3) 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 “four meetings” substitute “two meetings”,
- (b) after “each year” insert “, the first of which shall not take place before the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the date of the annual meeting”,
- (c) omit the words from “and if not more than four meetings” to the end, and
- (d) at the end add “But the requirement that the first of the meetings in a year shall not take place before the end of the period of four weeks referred to applies only in a case where it is proposed to hold only two meetings in the year.”.

4. In paragraph 4 of Appendix II—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words from “and signed by” to the end substitute “shall be given in such form (whether printed or electronic) as, in the opinion of the chairman of the council or the persons convening the meeting, is likely to enable persons whose names are entered on the roll of the parish to discover that the meeting is to be held.”, and
- (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) insert “; and a council meeting called solely for that purpose is to be ignored for the purposes of paragraph 2”.

5. Omit paragraph 7 of Appendix II.

6. 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”.

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

8. 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.”.

9. 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 **makes new provision for** the minimum number of meetings that each PCC must hold in a year from four to one.

Paragraph 4 **makes new provision for the giving of notice of PCC meetings.**

Paragraph 5 removes the requirement that business at a PCC meeting be transacted in the order specified in the agenda unless the PCC resolves otherwise.

Paragraph 6 reduces the minimum number of members of the standing committee of a PCC.

Paragraph 7 removes the requirement for the minister to be an *ex officio* member of all committees established by the PCC.

Paragraph 8 confers a new express power allowing a PCC to delegate functions to its committees.

Paragraph 9 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.