

GENERAL SYNOD

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 26

(Representation of Bishops and Clergy in the Houses of Convocation)

1. Canon H 2 (of the representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations) shall be amended as follows.
2. In paragraph 1 of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury –
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “ten persons elected by and from among the deans and provosts” there shall be substituted the words “three persons elected by and from among the deans”;
 - (b) sub-paragraph (c) shall be omitted;
 - (c) for sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs –
 - “(d) not less than three nor more than four persons in holy orders elected or chosen from among the chaplains of the armed forces in such manner as may be determined by the Forces Synodical Council as soon as practicable after any dissolution of the Convocation, provided that the total number of persons elected or chosen under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 1(bb) of Canon H 3 and Rule 35(1)(d) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed seven;
 - (dd) the Chaplain General of Prisons or, where the holder of that office is not a person in holy orders, such prison chaplain as may be nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury;”;
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (e) there shall be inserted at the end the words “provided that not more than one archdeacon shall be elected for any diocese”;
 - (e) for sub-paragraph (f) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph –
 - “(f) not more than two persons chosen by and from the priests and deacons who are members of religious communities having their mother house in the province in such manner as may be provided by rules made under this Canon;” and

(f) the words “except the reference in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph” shall be omitted.

3. In paragraph 1 of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York-
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “five persons elected by and from among the deans and provosts” there shall be substituted the words “two persons elected by and from among the deans”;
 - (b) sub-paragraph (b) shall be omitted;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (c) there shall be inserted at the end the words “provided that not more than one archdeacon shall be elected for any diocese”; and
 - (d) for sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph –
 - “(d) not more than two persons chosen by and from the priests and deacons who are members of religious communities having their mother house in the province in such manner as may be provided by rules made under this Canon;”.
4. In paragraph 1A of the provisions relating to both Convocations after the word “elected,” there shall be inserted the word “appointed,”.
- 5.(1) In proviso (a) to paragraph 2 of the provisions relating to both Convocations-
 - (a) for the maximum number of proctors referred to in relation to each Convocation there shall be substituted the words “136 in the case of the Province of Canterbury” and “59 in the case of the Province of York”;
 - (b) immediately before the words “Ex officio and co-opted proctors” there shall be inserted the words “The priests and deacons chosen from the members of the religious communities, the chaplains mentioned in paragraph 1(d) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and”,.
 - (c) the words “and provosts”, the words “the representative archdeacons” and the words “and the proctors for the religious communities” shall be omitted **and the word “and” shall be inserted before the words “the university”** ; and
 - (d) for the words “1(d)” there shall be substituted the words “1(dd)”.
- (2) After proviso (b) to paragraph 2 of the provisions relating to both Convocations there shall be added the following proviso-

“(c) in determining the number of proctors to be assigned to or elected for an electoral area such divisor method as may from time to time be specified by the Business Committee of the General Synod shall be used.”.

6. For paragraph 4 of the provisions relating to both Convocations there shall be substituted the following paragraph-

“4. Where a diocese or part thereof is an electoral area, the electors shall be-

- (a) all clerks in holy orders exercising the office of Assistant Bishop in the area,
- (b) all archdeacons **holding office in the area**,
- (c) all clerks in holy orders beneficed in the area,
- (d) all clerks in holy orders holding office in a cathedral church in the area or, in the case of the Province of Canterbury, either of the two collegiate churches referred to in paragraph 1(a) above; and
- (e) all clerks in holy orders licensed under seal by the bishop of the diocese and all clerks in holy orders who are members of a deanery synod **in the area** and have written permission from the bishop of the diocese to officiate within that diocese,

but excluding members of the House of Bishops of the diocesan synod, deans, in the case of the Province of Canterbury the chaplains mentioned in paragraphs 1(d) and (dd) above and members of the religious communities,

Provided that no person shall be entitled to vote in more than one electoral area.

7. In paragraph 5 of the provisions relating to both Convocations after the words “that electoral area” there shall be inserted the words “or would have been so entitled under paragraph 4(d) above had they been members of a deanery synod” and the words from “and shall also include” to the end of the first sentence and the last sentence shall be omitted.

8. In paragraph 7 –

- (a) after the words “the vacancy occurs” there shall be inserted the words “or as provided below”; and
- (b) at the end there shall be inserted –

“And provided further that the clerical members of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee of the diocese shall not later than one year after any such determination and annually thereafter review the proctor’s membership and determine whether he is able and willing as aforesaid.”.

9. **In paragraph 8-**
- (a) **in sub-paragraph (a) the references to paragraph 1(c) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and paragraph 1(b) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York shall be omitted and for the reference to paragraph 1(d) of the provisions relating to Canterbury there shall be substituted a reference to paragraph 1(dd) of those provisions; and**
 - (b) **in sub-paragraph (bb) for “1(d)” there shall be substituted “1(dd)” and for the words “one of the offices” there shall be substituted the words “the office”.**
10. In paragraph 9 for the words “the bishop **so directs**” there shall be substituted the words “the clerical members of the bishop’s council and standing committee **so direct**”.
11. In paragraph 11 for the word “clergymen” there shall be substituted the word “persons”.
12. Canon H 3 (of the constitution of the Upper Houses of the Convocations) shall be amended as follows.
13. In paragraph 1-
- (a) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph-
 - “(bb) the Bishop to the Forces, if chosen by the Forces Synodical Council as soon as practicable after any dissolution of the Convocation;”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (c) for the word “six” there shall be substituted the word “four”; and
 - (c) after the words “Upper House”, in the second place where they occur, there shall inserted the following proviso-
 - “Provided that, where a See is vacant during any meeting of the Upper House, and a suffragan bishop is, during the period of that meeting, exercising functions of the diocesan bishop by virtue of an instrument under section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions)

Measure 1983, and has not been elected to the Upper House under sub-paragraph (c) above, the suffragan bishop may attend and speak, but not vote, at that meeting in place of the bishop.”.

14. In paragraph 2 after the words “Upper House”, in the second place where they occur, there shall be inserted the following proviso –

“Provided that, where a See is vacant during any meeting of the Upper House, and a suffragan bishop is, during the period of that meeting, exercising functions of the diocesan bishop by virtue of an instrument under section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983, and has not been elected to the Upper House under sub-paragraph (b) above, the suffragan bishop may attend and speak, but not vote, at that meeting in place of the bishop.”.

15. Nothing in this Canon shall have effect in relation to the composition or meetings of the Convocations in existence on the date on which it comes into force.