

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2021

FOURTH NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the relevant Order Paper.

ITEM 500

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFORM (CHURCH COMMISSIONERS) ORDER 2021 (GS 2194A)

Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move:

'That the draft Legislative Reform (Church Commissioners) Order 2021 be referred back to the Scrutiny Committee for further consideration of the whole of the draft order.'

ITEM 502

DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION (GS 2221)

Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham) to move:

'After paragraph 1 insert—

“Qualifications for election to the House of Laity: exception relating to coronavirus

1A. In Rule 50 of the Church Representation Rules (House of Laity: qualifications for election), in paragraph (2), after “the relevant day” insert “; and the person is to be treated as meeting the first condition for the purposes of these Rules if the person would have met it but for matters connected with

coronavirus (within the meaning of the Coronavirus Act 2020)".

Explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that, where a person has been unable for reasons connected with coronavirus to receive Communion at least three times in the past year, that does not disqualify the person from standing for election to the House of Laity.

ITEM 503

VACANCY IN SEE REGULATIONS 2021

Revd Preb Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move the following amendments:

In paragraph 5(2), leave out the words from “The Chair” to “who” and insert “A member of the Committee shall not be eligible for election if that member”

Explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee in a diocese is eligible for election to the Crown Nominations Commission, by removing the proposed prohibition to that effect.

In paragraph 5(3), leave out “, or be” and insert “, and not more than one shall be”.

Explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that not more than one of the members of the Vacancy in See Committee in a diocese who are elected to the Crown Nominations Commission may be a member of staff of the NCIs, of the Diocesan Board of Finance or of the Diocesan Board of Education.

ITEMS 5 – 9

IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GS 2202 “RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATION” (GS 2209)

ITEM 6

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move the following amendment:

‘After “remote” insert “or hybrid”.’

Mrs Anne Foreman (Exeter) to move the following amendment:

‘After “in the case of a remote group of sessions” insert “or of a member who is unable to be present at a physical meeting by reason of illness or disability”.’

ITEM 7

The Revd Preb Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move the following amendment:

‘For paragraph (b) substitute:

“if just one member of a pair ceases to hold office as a central member of the CNC, the vacancy is left unfilled for so long as the remaining member of the pair is willing to continue to serve as a member of the CNC, and so that where that remaining member is unable to serve for a particular vacancy the member’s place for that vacancy is taken by a member of the same House as that member appointed by the Chair of that House; but so that if both members of a pair cease to hold office as central members of the CNC, or if a remaining member of a pair is unwilling to continue to serve, the vacancies are filled by an election of a complete pair from the relevant House held in accordance with Standing Order 134”.’

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move the following amendments:

‘In paragraph (a) after “six pairs” *insert* “a principal and an alternate”. *Leave out* “one” and *insert* “the principal”. *Leave out* “a particular” and *insert* “each”. *Leave out* all the words after “vacancy” and *insert* “unless on a particular vacancy the principal member is unable or unwilling to serve, in which case either (i) the alternate member shall serve or (ii), if the alternate member is also unable or unwilling to serve, another member of that House shall be appointed for that purpose by the Chair of that House”.’

If carried, *Mr Clive Scowen* (London) to move the following amendment:

‘In paragraph (b) *leave out* “those” and *insert* “(i) any of the principal members. *Leave out* all the words after “filled by” and *insert* “the alternate member of that pair unless that post is also vacant; (ii) any of the alternate members shall not be filled unless and until a casual vacancy arises in the principal member that pair; and (iii) both the principal and alternate members of a pair shall be filled in accordance with Standing Order 134.”.’

57th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2198 Updated)

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move the following amendments:

Standing Order 54 (Revision Committee: membership)

In Standing Order 54, after paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) No business may be transacted at a meeting of the Revision Committee unless the majority of members attending the meeting are members appointed under paragraph (1)(b).”

Explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that, at any meeting of a Revision Committee, the majority of those attending must be appointed members rather than members of the Steering Committee.

Standing Order 56 (Revision Committee: consideration)

In Standing Order 56, in paragraph (9), after “subject to that” insert “and to SO 54(4)”.

Explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment [] and would ensure that the Revision Committee’s power to regulate its own business and procedure is subject to the requirement imposed by that amendment.

Standing Order 116 (procedure for reply to supplementary questions)

In Standing Order 116, after paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) Where the person answering a supplementary question states that he or she will provide the information requested after the conclusion of the group of sessions, including by posting it on the Synod website, the text of the answer must be included in an Annex to the report of the proceedings relating to that group of sessions.”

Explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that, where the person answering a supplementary question commits to providing the member concerned with a subsequent written answer, the text of that written answer must be included with the official report of the proceedings.