

GENERAL SYNOD

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The draft Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation amends the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (as amended) to provide for the representation of the Channel Islands on the Salisbury Vacancy in See Committee.

BACKGROUND

1. When it was agreed that the Channel Islands would be transferred from the diocese of Winchester to the diocese of Salisbury, it was agreed also that the Deans of Jersey and Guernsey would become *ex officio* members of the Vacancy in See Committee in the diocese of Salisbury.
2. The Channel Islands Measure 2020, which provided for the transfer of the Islands, was passed on 22nd July 2020. The transfer of Jersey was approved by Order in Council which came into force on 2nd September 2022. The transfer of Guernsey was approved by Order in Council which came into force on 15th November 2022.

SUMMARY

3. The draft Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation would provide for the Dean of Jersey and the Dean of Guernsey each to become an *ex officio* member of the Vacancy in See Committee in the diocese of Salisbury.

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATION

Paragraph 1

4. *Sub-paragraph (1)* provides for the formal name of the amendment Regulation. *Sub-paragraph (2)* provides for it to come into force on the day after that on which General Synod approves it.

Paragraph 2

5. *Sub-paragraph (1)* amends the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 to provide for the Dean of Jersey and the Dean of Guernsey each to become an *ex officio* member of the Vacancy in See Committee in the diocese of Salisbury.
6. *Sub-paragraph (2)* defines “the main Regulation” as the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as it has been amended by the General Synod on five occasions between 2003 and 2021. Express provision to that effect would not be required in the case of subordinate legislation under a Measure, as section 20(2) of the Interpretation Act 1978 would produce that result automatically. However, as the 1993 Regulation is an Act of Synod, the Interpretation Act 1978 does not apply to it.