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No. 9, 1934.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the nomination of persons to serve on Committees elected by Synod and for the conduct of elections to such Committees and for purposes connected therewith.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

1. The Standing Committee shall not less than 35 days prior to the date appointed for the assembling of every ordinary session of Synod cause to be posted to every member of Synod a printed notice of all elections required by Ordinance Rule or Resolution to take place during that session.

2. Nominations of persons for such elections shall be delivered to the Secretaries of Synod not less than 21 days before the first day of the session ensuing and not later than 2 p.m. on that day and such nominations shall declare the addresses and designations of the persons nominated and the respective positions for which they are nominated. Every nomination so made shall be signed by the proposer and seconder one of whom shall save in the case of persons nominated for re-election certify that the person nominated has consented to nomination. Every nomination received by the Secretaries shall be acknowledged by a Receipt in a form to be prescribed by Regulation made hereunder and recorded in a book kept for that purpose and a list of the names of the persons nominated and the Office for which they are nominated shall be delivered to the Returning Officer by the Secretaries of Synod.

3. (1) Not less than 21 days before the session of Synod the Archbishop in Council shall appoint a Returning Officer and a Deputy Returning Officer and shall notify the Secretaries of Synod of such appointments.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to take all necessary steps to conduct the elections, to count the votes cast thereat, and to ascertain and report in writing to the Presi-

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dent the result thereof in accordance with this ordinance and to do such other matters and things in respect of the elections as he is required by this Ordinance to do.

(3) In the case of the death of the Returning Officer or of his absence from duty the Deputy Returning Officer shall act in his stead and shall have and exercise all the powers duties authorities, and have and be subject to all the liabilities conferred and imposed by or under this Ordinance upon the Returning Officer in whose stead he so acts, and any provision relating to the Returning Officer shall relate to the Deputy Returning Officer.

4. Not less than fourteen days prior to the date appointed for the assembling of Synod, the Secretaries of Synod shall save in the cases where the number of persons nominated is not in excess of the number required to be elected cause to be posted to every member of Synod a list of the names of the persons nominated, their designations and addresses, the names of the proposers and seconders and the positions for which they are nominated.

5. If the nominations of persons for any of the said elections are not in excess of the number of persons required to be elected the Secretaries of Synod shall inform the Returning Officer and the Archbishop who, as early as the business of Synod shall permit on the first day of the session, shall declare the persons nominated to be duly elected, but whenever they are in such excess a ballot shall be taken as hereinafter provided.

6. (1) The Returning Officer at a place appointed by the Archbishop convenient to the meeting place of Synod shall between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the first and second days of the session issue to each member of Synod applying to him a ballot paper containing the names of all persons nominated for any office save in the case of those whose election has been unopposed.

- (2) (a) A Ballot box or boxes and a sufficient number of ballot papers shall be provided by the Returning Officer.
- (b) The ballot papers shall be printed and shall be in or to the effect of the form prescribed by regulation made hereunder.

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7. Wherever the election to any Office is contested the persons whose names, according to the number required to be elected, appear highest on the list referred to in clause 9 (b) hereof shall be declared by the President to be elected.

Votes shall be indicated by placing a X in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom the voter desires to vote. Any voting paper containing more or fewer names marked with a X than the number of positions to be filled shall be informal.

If it is necessary to determine between two or more nominees receiving an equal number of votes, the result shall be determined in such manner as the President shall direct.

8. (a) A member of Synod desiring to record his vote shall place his ballot paper in a Ballot Box which shall be provided for that purpose between the hours of 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the first and second days of the session.

(b) If any member satisfies the Returning Officer that he has spoiled his ballot paper by a mistake or accident, he may on giving it up receive another ballot paper in its place.

9. As soon as is practicable after the ballot closes the Returning Officer shall—

(a) Ascertain the result of the election in accordance with this Ordinance and the regulations made hereunder.

(b) Remit to the President a report containing complete lists of the names of the nominees for each office with the number of votes recorded for each such nominee, the names on such lists to be arranged in the order of the number of votes recorded, beginning with the highest.

(c) In carrying out his duties employ with the approval of the President such assistants as he may deem necessary.

10. As soon after receiving the report of the Returning Officer as convenient, the President shall—

(a) Declare to be elected the persons ascertained to be elected.

(b) Cause to be posted up in a place where it may be readily inspected by members of Synod, a copy of the Returning Officer's Report referred to in Clause 9 (b) hereof.

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11. The Archbishop in Council shall have power to make regulations for giving effect to and carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

12. This Ordinance shall not apply to the election of the Committee for the arranging of the business of Synod.

13. If any election required by Ordinance, Rule or Regulation to take place during the session shall not take place under this ordinance the same shall take place in such manner as the Synod shall by resolution provide and this failing the same shall be made by the Standing Committee provided that any person so elected by the Standing Committee shall hold office only until the succeeding session of the Synod.

14. This Ordinance may be cited as The Elections Ordinance 1934.

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I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

HENRY W. F. ROGERS,  
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed this Seventeenth day of September, 1934.

S. H. DENMAN  
HARINGTON B. COWPER } Secretaries of  
the Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

HOWARD SYDNEY.

25th September, 1934.