

Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2015

No 34, 2015

Long Title

An Ordinance to improve the administration of the Synod's lay membership and to make changes to the qualifications and entitlements of certain members of the Synod and Standing Committee.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the *Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2015*.

2. Amendment of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

The *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* is amended as follows –

- (a) renumber clause 6 as clause 6(1) and –
 - (i) in the renumbered clause 6(1) omit the matter “, before taking part in or voting at any session of the Synod, sign and deliver to the President the following declaration” and insert instead the following –

“sign the following declaration prior to notice of his or her election or appointment being given under this Ordinance to the Registrar”, and
 - (ii) insert a new clause 6(2) as follows –

“(2) The person or body which is required to give the Registrar notice of an election or appointment referred to in subclause (1) must retain, or cause to be retained, the signed declaration.”, and
- (b) omit each reference to “Vestry Meeting” and insert instead “General Meeting”, and
- (c) omit the matter “of clause 14 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990” in clause 16 and insert instead the following –

“which apply to the nomination of persons and the conduct of contested elections at a General Meeting”, and
- (d) insert a new clause 17(e) as follows –

“(e) certifying that the person has signed the declaration required by clause 6(1) and that the signed declaration has been retained.”, and
- (e) in clauses 18 and 19 omit the matter “churchwardens of the church of the Parochial Unit or if there is more than one church in the Parochial Unit, to the churchwardens of the principal church” and insert instead the word “Wardens”, and
- (f) insert a new clause 22A(2)(f) as follows –

“(f) certifying that the Qualified Person appointed as the alternate has signed the declaration required by clause 6(1) and that the signed declaration has been retained.”, and
- (g) insert a new clause 45(e) as follows –

“(e) certifying that the person elected to be a Nominated Lay Person had signed the declaration required by clause 6(1) and that the signed declaration has been retained.”, and
- (h) omit all the words after “clause 5A” in clause 50C(d) and insert instead the following –

“and that the person has signed the declaration required by clause 6(1), and that a written record of the consent and the signed declaration have been retained”, and
- (i) omit the definitions of “Parish”, “Parochial Minister” and “Provisional Parish” in the Dictionary and insert instead the following –

“Parish” means a parish constituted under or recognised as such under the Parishes Ordinance 1979 or a recognised church under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000.

“Parochial Minister” means a Minister who is licensed as the rector or acting rector of a Parochial Unit.

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“Provisional Parish” means a provisional parish constituted under or recognised as such under the Parishes Ordinance 1979 or a provisional recognised church under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000.’, and

- (j) in the definition of “Qualified Minister” in the Dictionary omit all the matter after the first occurrence of “Archbishop”, and
- (k) omit the definition of “Vestry Meeting” in the Dictionary and insert instead the following –
 - “General Meeting” means –
 - (a) in relation to a Parochial Unit having only one church to which the rules in Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply – a general meeting of the parishioners of the church of the Parochial Unit, and
 - (b) in relation to a Parochial Unit having more than one church to which the rules in Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply or in relation to a Parochial Unit to which the rules in Schedule 2 of that ordinance apply – a general meeting of the parishioners of the Parochial Unit, and
 - (c) in relation to St Andrew’s Cathedral – the Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Congregations under the Cathedral Ordinance 1969.’, and
- (l) insert a new definition in the Dictionary as follows –
 - “Wardens” means –
 - (a) in relation to a Parochial Unit to which the rules in Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply – the wardens of the principal or only church of the Parochial Unit, and
 - (b) in relation to a Parochial Unit to which the rules in Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply – the wardens of the Parochial Unit, and
 - (c) in relation to St Andrew’s Cathedral – the Cathedral Chapter.’

3. Amendment of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897

The *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* is amended as follows –

- (a) insert the matter “the Archdeacon for Women’s Ministry,” in clause 1A(1)(a) after the matter “the Regional Bishops,”, and
- (b) omit clause 1A(1)(f) and insert instead the following –
 - “(f) The Regional Archdeacons.”, and
- (c) omit the words “An Archdeacon” in clause 1A(2) and insert instead the words “A Regional Archdeacon”.

4. Commencement

Clauses 2 and 3 commence on the day immediately following the last day of the 2nd session of the 50th Synod.

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

K SOWADA
Deputy Chair of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 14 October 2015.

R WICKS
Secretary of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
19/10/2015