

THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP ORDINANCE 2001

An Ordinance to Provide for the Election of a Bishop

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the election of a Bishop of the Diocese **NOW THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES:**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Election of a Bishop Ordinance 2001". *Title*

2. (1) At the first session of each triennial Synod annual session of the Synod the Synod shall elect an Election Committee for the appointment of a Bishop (in this Ordinance referred to as "the Committee". *Composition of Election Committee*
Sec 2 (1)
amended 2005
(2) The Committee shall consist of the following members of Synod.
 - (a) six Clerical members one of whom shall be the Vicar General, or if there be no Vicar General, then the senior Archdeacon; and
 - (b) six Lay Members, one of whom shall be the Chancellor.(3) Save as herein provided the election of the Committee shall be in accordance with the provisions of The Elections and Appointments Ordinance 2001 or any Ordinance for the time being amending or superseding the same.

3. (1) Nominations shall be invited for seven Clergymen and seven Lay Members of Synod. *Election and Quorum of Election Committee*
(2) Clergymen and Lay Members of Synod may be nominated as candidates for election by any member of the Synod and the election shall be conducted as follows:
 - (a) The Clergymen may vote only for clerical members.
 - (b) The Lay Members of Synod may vote only for Lay Members.(3) The five Clerical members and the five Lay Members who have respectively the largest number of votes shall be the members of the Committee.
(4) The two remaining Clerical members and the two remaining Lay Members shall according to their places on the poll be authorised to act in case any vacancy shall occur on the Committee.
(5) The office of any member of the Committee who shall cease to be a member of the Synod or resign from the Committee or die shall ipso facto be vacated.
(6) Seven members shall form a quorum and the chairman shall be a member of the Committee elected by the Committee.
(7) Any member of the Committee who shall be nominated with his consent for the office of Bishop of the Diocese may remain a member of the Committee but shall retire from meetings of the Committee whilst his nomination is discussed.

4. (1) Within three calendar months of
- (a) a vacancy in the See occurring, or
 - (b) the Bishop giving notice in writing to both the Metropolitan of the Province of South Australia and the Diocesan Council of his intention to resign the See; the Vicar General or in his absence the Senior Archdeacon or in the absence of both of them the senior clerical member of the committee (seniority being reckoned from the date of ordination as a priest) shall convene the Committee and the Committee shall thereupon proceed to elect a Bishop in accord with the provisions of this ordinance.
- (2) Once the committee has thus been convened it shall remain in office and shall proceed with the election of a Bishop for a period of twelve calendar months provided for in Section 9 hereof notwithstanding that the annual session of Synod is held during that period and before a Bishop shall have been elected.

***Convener of
Election
Committee***

5. The Committee shall have power to decide all matters connected with the election provided however that no person shall be elected Bishop unless his nomination shall have been assented to by not less than two-thirds of the Committee including not less than four clerical members and four Lay Members of the Committee.

***Decisions of
Election
Committee***

6. No member of the Committee shall at any time disclose any information regarding the proceedings of the Committee or the result of any ballot which may be conducted by the Committee.

***Confidentiality of
Proceeding***

7. If the person elected as aforesaid shall decline to accept the See the Committee shall proceed de novo under this Ordinance.

***Failure of
Nominee to accept***

8. The Chairman of the Committee shall report to the Metropolitan of the Province of South Australia the result of any election in order to seek and obtain the confirmation required by the Constitution of the Province and by the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia or by any Canon of the General Synod that may be for the time being in force and binding on this Diocese.

Confirmation

9. If an election of a Bishop as provided for by this Ordinance shall not have been made by the Committee within a period of twelve calendar months from the date of the first meeting of the Committee, or if no person elected by the Committee shall within that time shall accept the See, then that Committee shall be deemed to be dissolved and cease to exist and Synod will be recalled to elect a new committee which shall proceed de novo under the Ordinance.

Default in election
Section 9 amended
2005

10. The election or appointment having been duly made and confirmed the person elected or appointed shall if not already consecrated be consecrated as provided in the Canons of General Synod.
Provided that in every case the Bishop shall take the oath of the canonical obedience to the Metropolitan, and make a declaration that he accepts as binding upon himself the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia and the Canons and Determinations of the General Synod for the time being in force and binding on the Diocese, the Constitution of the Diocese and the Ordinances of the Synod.

***Procedure
following election***

11. When the Bishop shall have been enthroned, subject to the Constitution and Ordinances for the time being in force, he shall have and exercise all the powers and authorities which a Bishop of The Anglican Church of Australia may lawfully exercise within his diocese, and he shall for all purposes be the successor of the last preceding Bishop.

***Installation and
authority of
Bishop***

12. So much of the stipend and allowances of the Bishop as are not provided for by endowments and other means shall be a diocesan expense within the meaning of The Assessments Ordinance 2001 and shall be determined by the Diocesan Council from time to time and at such times as the Diocesan Council may determine.

Stipend