

# **THE ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS ORDINANCE 2001**

## **An Ordinance to Provide for the election or appointment of committees boards officers and dignitaries**

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for the election or appointment of committees boards officers and dignitaries **NOW THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES-**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Elections and Appointments Ordinance 2001" *Title*
2. Where in the Constitution or any Ordinance any person or persons is or are required to be elected by the Synod to any office committee or board and the Constitution or such Ordinance makes no special provision for such election the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such election. *Application*
3. Unless otherwise provided elections pursuant to this Ordinance shall take place at the first session of each triennial Synod at a time to be fixed by the President. *Time of elections*
4. Nominations for election pursuant to this Ordinance shall- *Nominations*
  - (a) be in writing,
  - (b) be signed by the person nominated,
  - (c) be in the hands of the Registrar by the time fixed by the President for the closing of nominations.
5. (1) If the number of persons nominated for any office committee or board does not exceed the number of persons required to be elected then the persons nominated shall be declared duly elected without a ballot. *Elections*
  - (2) If the number of persons nominated exceeds the number of persons required to be elected then an election shall take place by secret ballot of all members present.
  - (3) The President of Synod shall appoint a scrutineer or scrutineers for such elections.
  - (4) In the event of a tie there shall be a further ballot in respect of those persons who have tied.
6. Unless otherwise provided the persons elected pursuant to this Ordinance shall hold office until their successors are appointed or in the case of representatives to the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia, until their successors assume office. *Duration of office*
7. (1) Casual vacancies in any office committee or board shall be filled by the Synod if in session or by the Diocesan Council. *Casual Vacancies*
  - (2) Any person elected or appointed pursuant to this Section shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whose vacancy he fills.
8. (1) In the case of the election of representatives to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia there shall be nominated at least two Clergymen and two Lay Members of Synod more than the number of representatives the Synod is entitled to elect pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of The Anglican Church of Australia. *Election of representatives of General Synod*

- (2) Those clergymen nominated who receive the highest number of votes shall be the Clerical representatives and those Lay Members of Synod nominated who receive the highest number of votes shall be the Lay representatives.
  - (3) The two Clergymen and Lay Members of Synod who receive the next highest number of votes respectively shall, in order of the number of votes they receive, be authorised to act as representatives to the General Synod in case any vacancy shall occur.
  - (4) In the event of any vacancy occurring either of an elected representative or of any of those authorised to act in case of such vacancy, the Synod, if sitting, or the Diocesan Council if Synod is not sitting, may elect a clerical or a lay representative, as the case may require, to fill such vacancy, and the name of the person so elected shall be added to the list of those authorised to act in the case of any vacancy occurring of a representative to the General Synod.
  - (5) Representatives to the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia shall assume office when the Primate by mandate under his hand and seal summons the Bishop and requires him to convene the prescribed number of clerical and lay representatives of this Diocese at a time and place appointed for the next ordinary session of the said General Synod.
- 9.** (1) The Registrar of the Diocese shall be appointed by the Diocesan Council and shall continue to hold office until the Diocesan Council shall declare such office to be vacant.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Synod and of the Diocesan Council.
- (3) The President of Synod may appoint for the duration of each session of the Synod a Synod Reporter, Scrutineers and such Assistant Secretaries as he shall determine.
- (4) The Chairman and deputy Chairman of Committees shall be elected by the Synod.
- 10.** The Synod Solicitor or Solicitors and the Church Advocate (if any) shall be appointed by the Diocesan Council and shall hold office respectively until the Diocesan Council shall declare any such office vacant.
- 11.** In addition to the powers of appointment conferred on the Bishop by virtue of his office or by the Constitution or any Ordinance the Bishop is empowered to confer and revoke such conferral on such person or persons as he thinks fit, whether Clergyman or Layman and whether members of Synod or not, the style or title of Canon

*Registrar and  
Synod officers*

*Synod Solicitor  
and Advocate*

*Canons*