

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION ORDINANCE 1963

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the election or appointment of representatives to General Synod.

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia provide that clerical and lay representatives of a diocese shall be elected or appointed and any vacancy in the place of a representative shall be filled at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by or under the constitution of the diocese **AND** **WHEREAS** it is desirable to provide for the election or appointment of such representatives

BE IT THEREFORE ordained and ruled by the Bishop Clergy and Laity in Synod assembled as follows:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

Short Title

This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the ***General Synod Election Ordinance 1963***.

PART 2 – OPERATIVE PART

1. Sub-title At the first session of each Synod there shall be elected in the manner prescribed by Standing Orders clerical and lay representatives of the diocese to General Synod to the number authorised under the "Tabled Annexed to the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia" as at the time of such election.
2. If the number of representatives so elected shall become less than the number of representatives to which the diocese may be entitled under the Constitution before the General Synod shall meet the Diocesan Council may elect additional representatives.
3. If the number of representatives so elected shall become in excess of the number of representatives to which the Diocese may be entitled under the Constitution before the General Synod shall meet the Diocesan Council shall declare which of the said elected representatives shall represent the Diocese in the General Synod.
4. The representatives so excluded shall remain in office until the first session of the next Synod of the Diocese.
5. A vacancy in the place of a representative shall occur if he should die or resign his office and the Diocesan Council shall declare such vacancy and may fill such vacancy or may report the vacancy to the next session of the Synod of the Diocese whereupon the Synod shall fill the vacancy by election in the manner prescribed by Standing Orders.