## **General Synod Representation Ordinance 1986**

No 37, 1986

An Ordinance to repeal The General Synod Election Ordinance of 1916 and to make further provision for the election of representatives to that Synod.

Whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the election of persons to represent the Diocese on the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney hereby ordains declares directs and rules as follows.

- 1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the "General Synod Representation Ordinance 1986".
- (2) The Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935, the Elections Ordinance 1968 and the Interpretation Ordinance 1985 shall apply to this Ordinance unless the contrary intention appears.
- 2. (1) At the first ordinary session of each Synod, there shall be an election of clerical and lay representatives of the Diocese to the General Synod. The representatives so elected shall hold office, subject to the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935, until the first day of the first ordinary session of the next Synod.
- (2) The number of persons to be elected shall be the number of representatives determined in accordance with the table annexed to the 1961 Constitution which number shall be determined by the Registrar.
- 3. If the number of representatives which the Diocese may be entitled to elect or appoint shall be reduced, then
  - (a) in the first instance the person elected by the Standing Committee or the last of the persons so elected, if more than one, who is a representative,
  - (b) in the second instance the person elected pursuant to clause 2 by the Synod or the last of the persons so elected, if more than one, who is a representative,
  - (c) in the third instance the person elected pursuant to clause 2 who received the fewest votes and who is a representative,

shall cease to be a representative provided that, in the case of competition, the issue shall be determined by lot.

- 4. In addition to the circumstances listed in clause 1 of the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935, a casual vacancy shall arise upon an omission by the Synod to elect a representative or representatives, or the Diocese becoming entitled to a greater number of representatives than those for the time being in office.
- 5. The General Synod Election Ordinance of 1916 is hereby repealed but without prejudice to the past operation of that Ordinance and the representatives now in office are hereby deemed to have been elected by the Synod under this Ordinance.

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

ED CAMERON Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1986.

RJ BOMFORD WGS GOTLEY Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

DONALD ROBINSON Archbishop of Sydney 7/10/1986