

Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 1995

Explanatory Statement

Introduction

1. The purpose of this Bill is to effect minor amendments to a number of ordinances.

Amendment of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990

2. Clause 20(1)(k) of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 requires the churchwardens of a church to prepare certain financial statements prior to the annual vestry meeting of that church. Under clause 9(b) of the Accounts Ordinance 1975 the Standing Committee, by resolution, may prescribe from time to time the form which those statements must take.

3. It is proposed to move the power of the Standing Committee to prescribe the form of financial statements to the Church Administration Ordinance 1990.

Amendment of the Retirements Ordinance 1993

4. It is proposed to amend the definition of "Appeal" in clause 2 of the Retirements Ordinance 1993 to correct a typographical error.

Amendment of the Standing Orders Ordinance 1968

5. Clause 53(2) of the Schedule to the Standing Orders Ordinance 1968 allows, among other things, for an ordinance to be reconsidered at a later session of Synod by a Committee of the Whole Synod if the Archbishop has withheld his assent or a motion for reconsideration is passed. Clause 53(2) then provides that thereafter, on the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole Synod, the time may be fixed for a third reading and "subclauses (10) to (14) of Standing Order 64 shall apply thereto".

6. Subclauses (10) to (14) of the Standing Order 64 are incorrectly referred to. It is proposed to amend clause 53(2) to include a reference to the correct subclauses and clause, namely subclauses 67(6) and (7) and clause 68.

Amendment of the General Synod - The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977

7. Under clause 3(3) of the General Synod - The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977 the minister, in making a determination as to the service or services at which he need not wear a surplice, is required to consult with the church committee of the church where the service is or services are to

be held. But church committees only exist where parish councils have resolved to establish them for purposes under the Church Administration Ordinance 1990. The amendment is to make it clear that the consultation must be with the parish council of the parish in which the church is situated.

Amendment of the Long Service Leave Ordinance 1973

8. Clause 1(2) of the Long Service Leave Ordinance 1973 refers to a church committee. This reference is now superfluous and so it is proposed to amend clause 1(2) to delete that reference.

Recommendation

9. The Standing Committee recommends that the bill be passed by the Synod.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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