

Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002

Explanatory Statement

Introduction

1. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is -
 - (a) to increase from 5 to 7 the number of organisations which can be declared to be Nominated Organisations under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995; and
 - (b) to make the Diocesan Secretary an ex-officio member of the Synod under Part 9 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995; and
 - (c) to make the Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Principal of Moore Theological College ex-officio members of the Standing Committee under clause 1A(1)(a) of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897.

Nominated organisations

2. Under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995, the Standing Committee may declare up to 5 diocesan boards, departments or organisations as Nominated Organisations. The 5 organisations currently nominated under Part 6 are -

Anglicare
Anglican Media
Anglican Youthworks
Moore Theological College
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

3. At any time after being nominated, the governing body of a Nominated Organisation may give the Registrar notice of its Chief Executive Officer being the person who is responsible to the governing body for the work of the organisation. The Chief Executive Officer of a Nominated Organisation is then entitled to be summoned to each session of the Synod while the person continues to hold the position of Chief Executive Officer.
4. Clause 2(a) of the proposed ordinance provides for the number of organisations which can be declared to be Nominated Organisations under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 to be increased from 5 to 7.

Diocesan Secretary as ex-officio member of the Synod

5. Currently, the members of the Synod under Part 9 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 are the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Warden of St Paul's College and 2 College representatives elected by the College council.

6. The Diocesan Secretary, although an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee, is not an ex-officio member of the Synod. Clause 2(b) of the proposed ordinance makes provision for the Diocesan Secretary to become an ex-officio member of the Synod under Part 9 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.

Further ex officio members of the Standing Committee

7. Currently, the ex-officio members of the Standing Committee are the Archbishop, the Regional Bishops, the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Dean, the Diocesan Secretary and the Archdeacons with or without territorial jurisdiction.

8. Clause 3(a) of the proposed ordinance makes provision for the Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Principal of Moore Theological College to become ex-officio members of the Standing Committee under clause 1A(1)(a) of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897.

9. Clause 3(b) of the proposed ordinance provides, by way of clarification, that a casual vacancy in the office of an elected member of the Standing Committee occurs on the elected member becoming an ex-officio member.

Recommendation

10. The Standing Committee recommends that Synod pass the bill as an ordinance.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee.

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