

## **Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amending Ordinance 1995**

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An Ordinance to amend the constitution and membership of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney ordains as follows -

### **Citation**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amending Ordinance 1995".

### **Definitions**

2. In this Ordinance -

"Commencement Date" means the first day of the first ordinary session of the 44th Synod of the Diocese of Sydney.

"Principal Ordinance" means the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897.

### **Amendment of the Principal Ordinance**

3. The Principal Ordinance is amended as follows -

- (a) Clause 1 is omitted and the following is inserted instead -

#### **"Definitions**

1. (1) In this Ordinance -

"Elected Member" means a member of the Standing Committee referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subclause 1A(1).

"parochial unit" means a parish, provisional parish, assisted provisional parish or other ecclesiastical district recognised under the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

"Qualified Minister" means a person in Holy Orders who is a member of the Synod and is not an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee.

"Qualified Lay Person" means a lay person who is a member of the Synod.

"Regional Electors" means, in relation to a Region, the following persons -

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- (a) each Qualified Minister licensed to a parochial unit in the Region;
  - (b) each Qualified Lay Person who is a member of the Synod as a representative of a parochial unit in the Region; and
  - (c) each other member of the Synod who resides in the Region and is not a Regional Elector for another Region.
- (2) In this Ordinance a person is from a Region if -
- (a) in the case of a Qualified Minister that person was licensed to a parochial unit in that Region at the time of that person's election; and
  - (b) in the case of a Qualified Lay Person that person was a parishioner of a church in that Region at the time of that person's election.

### **Constitution of the Standing Committee**

1A. (1) The Standing Committee is constituted with the following members -

- (a) The Archbishop, the Regional Bishops, the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Dean and the Diocesan Secretary, ex-officio.
  - (b) 4 Qualified Ministers elected by the members of Synod.
  - (c) 8 Qualified Lay Persons elected by the members of Synod.
  - (d) 2 Qualified Ministers from each Region elected by the Regional Electors of that Region.
  - (e) 4 Qualified Lay Persons from each Region elected by the Regional Electors of that Region.
  - (f) The Archdeacons with or without territorial jurisdiction.
- (2) An Archdeacon who is a member of the Standing Committee under paragraph (1)(f) does not have the right to vote. But a Regional Bishop may authorise an Archdeacon to be his alternate and an Archdeacon so authorised has a right to vote in the Regional Bishop's absence. An authority given by a Regional Bishop under this subclause must be given in writing to the Diocesan Secretary and may be in general terms or relate to a specific meeting only.
- (3) The election of the Elected Members referred to in paragraphs (1)(b) and (1)(c) is to take place by postal ballot held before the first day of the first session of each Synod and, subject to this ordinance, the persons so elected hold office from the first day of that first session until the first day of the first session of the next Synod. The election of the

Elected Members referred to in paragraphs (1)(d) and (1)(e) is to be held during the first session of each Synod and, subject to this Ordinance, such persons hold office until the first day of the first session of the next Synod.

(4) The following rules apply to the election of the Elected Members -

- (a) The election of members under paragraphs (1)(b) and (1)(c) shall be conducted, and the result of such election declared to the Synod, before the election of members under paragraphs (1)(d) and (1)(e).
- (b) A person who is a candidate for election under paragraph (1)(b) but is not elected under that paragraph and who has the necessary qualifications may also stand for election under paragraph (1)(d).
- (c) A person who is a candidate for election under paragraph (1)(c) but is not elected under that paragraph and who has the necessary qualifications may also stand for election under paragraph (1)(e).

1B. (1) If a new Region is created, the election of the Elected Members referred to in paragraphs 1A(1)(d) and (e) for that Region is to be held by postal ballot under the Elections Ordinance 1970 as soon as practicable after the creation of that Region. Subject to this Ordinance the persons so elected hold office until the first day of the first session of the next Synod.

(2) If a Region is abolished, the Elected Members referred to in paragraphs 1A(1)(d) and (e) cease to be members of the Standing Committee on and from the date of abolition of the Region.”.

(b) Clause 2 is omitted and the following is inserted instead -

**“Casual Vacancies**

2. (1) A casual vacancy in the office of an Elected Member occurs on -

- (a) resignation in writing addressed to the Diocesan Secretary;
- (b) death;
- (c) insolvency under administration;
- (d) loss of membership of the Synod;
- (e) incapacity to act or absence from 3 consecutive meetings of the Standing Committee without leave;
- (f) reaching the age of 72 years;
- (g) becoming an Elected Member in another capacity;
- (h) a resolution by the Synod, or by the Standing Committee when the Synod is not in session,

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declaring a vacancy and specifying the person, this ordinance, and the reason therefor.”;

(2) A vacancy in the office of an Elected member which is not filled at an election referred to in clause 1A or a ballot referred to in clause 1B, for the purposes of this Ordinance, is taken to be a casual vacancy.

(c) Clause 3 is omitted and the following is inserted instead -

**“Filling of Casual Vacancies**

3. (1) A casual vacancy among the Elected Members referred to in clauses 1A(1)(b) and (c) may be filled by the Synod. When the Synod is not in session the casual vacancy may be filled by the Standing Committee.

(2) Subject to clause 2, the term of office of a person filling a casual vacancy under subclause (1) expires -

- (a) if the casual vacancy is filled by the Synod - on the first day of the first session of the next Synod; and
- (b) if the casual vacancy is filled by the Standing Committee - on the first day of the next session of the Synod.

(3) A casual vacancy in the office of an Elected Member referred to in clauses 1A(1)(d) and (e) may be filled by the Regional Council of the relevant Region.

(4) Subject to clause 2, the term of office of a person filling a casual vacancy under subclause (3) expires on the first day of the first session of the next Synod.”

**Transitional**

4. The amendments to the Principal Ordinance specified in clause 3 take effect from the Commencement Date.

5. Clause 2 of the Duration of Committees Ordinance of 1891 is amended by deleting the matter “and the Standing Committee the Church Lands Committee”.

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

N.M. CAMERON  
Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 19 October 1995.

W.G.S. GOTLEY  
C.J. MORONEY  
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

R.H. GOODHEW  
Archbishop of Sydney  
23/10/1995