



Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963

1963 No. 1

PART XII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

66 Interpretation.

(1) In this Measure unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, namely:—

“authorised complainant” means a person authorised by a bishop to lay a complaint under Part III of this Measure or, in the case of proceedings against a bishop, a person authorised by the archbishop of the province;

“benefice” includes all rectories with cure of souls vicarages perpetual curacies endowed public chapels and parochial chapelries and chapelries or districts belonging or reputed to belong or annexed or reputed to be annexed to any church or chapel or districts formed for ecclesiastical purposes by virtue of statutory authority and includes benefices in the patronage of the Crown or of the Duchy of Cornwall but does not extend to any Royal peculiar nor to any cathedral or capitular preferment or dignity, nor to any chapel belonging to any college school hospital inn of court asylum or public or charitable institution nor to any private chapel;

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“the Commissioners” means the Church Commissioners for England;

“communicant” means a person who has received communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith at least once within the twelve months preceding the date of his declaration that he fulfils that requirement, or if a declaration is not required of him, at least once within the twelve months preceding the date upon which he is offered the appointment or requested to act in a capacity for which that qualification is required;

“diocese” means a diocese in the province of Canterbury or a diocese ^{F2}... in the province of York and “diocesan” shall be construed accordingly;

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[^{F3}“high judicial office” means such office within the meaning of Part 3 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 or membership of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council;]

“preferment” includes an archbishopric, a bishopric, archdeaconry, dignity or office in a cathedral or collegiate church, and a benefice, and every curacy, lectureship, readership, chaplaincy, office or place which requires the discharge of any spiritual duty;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under [^{F4}section 83 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018];

“relevant province” in relation to—

- (a) a House of Convocation;
- (b) a diocese comprised in a province;
- (c) a court having jurisdiction in a province; and
- (d) a person holding any office or preferment or residing in any such diocese or province at any time;

means, according to the context, the province of Canterbury or the province of York as the case may be.

[^{F5}“disciplinary tribunal”, “president of tribunals” and “provincial panel” have the same meanings as in the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.]

- (2) In this Measure, except and where the context otherwise requires, references to the consistory court of a diocese and to the chancellor of a diocese shall, in their application to the diocese of Canterbury, be construed as references to the commissary court thereof and to the commissary general of such court respectively.
- (3) For the purposes of this Measure an extra-diocesan place (including any place exempt or peculiar other than a Royal Peculiar) which is surrounded by one diocese shall be deemed to be situate within that diocese, and an extra-diocesan place which is surrounded by two or more dioceses shall be deemed to be situate within such one of them as the archbishop of the relevant province may direct.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 66 omitted (1.1.2008) by virtue of [National Institutions of the Church of England \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1556\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 2(b)** (with art. 3)
- F2** Words repealed by virtue of s. 85 of this Measure and Church Act 1969 (an Act of Tynwald)
- F3** Words in s. 66(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 17 para. 16(3)**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(e)
- F4** Words in s. 66(1) substituted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F5** Words in s. 66(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F6** S. 66(4) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

67 Rules for determining seniority of diocesan bishops.

For the purposes of this Measure the seniority of diocesan bishops (other than archbishops) ^{F7}... shall be determined by reference to the length of time that each of

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them has held office as diocesan in either province without interruption from any cause.

Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in s. 67 omitted (1.1.2006) by virtue of [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 11](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F8}68 Exercise of powers of diocesans during vacation of sees.

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Textual Amendments

- F8** [S. 68](#) repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

69 Criminal proceedings in ecclesiastical courts to be taken only in accordance with this Measure.

No proceedings by way of a criminal suit, other than those authorised by [^{F9} Part VI] of this Measure, shall be instituted against a person ^{F10}... in the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved, and no proceedings so authorised shall be instituted except in accordance with [^{F11}that Part] of this Measure:

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Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in s. 69 substituted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 12](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops
- F10** Words in s. 69 repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 22\(a\)](#), [Sch. 5](#) (with [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)); [S.I. 2018/720](#), art. 2
- F11** Words in s. 69 substituted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 22\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)); [S.I. 2018/720](#), art. 2
- F12** Words in s. 69 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

70 Nominated persons to have exclusive right to promote complaint.

A person nominated under Part ^{F13}... VI of this Measure to promote a complaint against an accused person shall have the right to do so to the exclusion of all others.

Textual Amendments

- F13** Words in s. 70 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

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71 Performance of ecclesiastical duties during suspension or inhibition.

- (1) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against an archbishop the archbishop of the other province shall perform the functions which the archbishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (2) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against a diocesan bishop, the archbishop of the relevant province may appoint another bishop to perform during the period of suspension or inhibition the functions the performance of which the diocesan bishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (3) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against a suffragan bishop, the diocesan bishop by whom he is commissioned may appoint another bishop to perform during the period of suspension or inhibition the functions which the suffragan bishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (4) When a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against any priest or deacon, it shall be lawful for the bishop in whose diocese such person holds preferment to appoint some person or persons to perform the duties of the preferment; and in all such cases the bishop may assign such part of [F14 any one or more of the following, that is to say, the guaranteed annuity payable in respect of the benefice under section 1 of the M1 Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976, the personal grant, if any, to which such person is entitled under section 2 of that Measure and the profits of the benefice, as he thinks fit and may, if necessary, sequester the said profits for the payment of the part thereof so assigned.]

Textual Amendments

F14 Words substituted by [Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976 \(No. 4\), s. 49\(2\) Sch. 5 para. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 71](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\), ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

Marginal Citations

M1 [1976 No. 4](#)

72 Occupation of parsonage house by person appointed by bishop.

- (1) A bishop who has appointed a person to perform the duties of any benefice under subsection (4) of section seventy-one of this Measure may require such person to reside in the parsonage house belonging thereto, and may assign to him the use of such parsonage house, together with the offices, gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging, or any part or parts thereof, without payment of any rent.
- (2) A person residing in the parsonage house under the provisions of this section shall be liable to pay the rates payable in respect of such house, . . . F15, and any sequestrator appointed during any suspension or inhibition under this Measure shall have power to deduct from the stipend of such person any payments for which he shall be liable under this subsection.

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- (3) The bishop shall have power in any case in which possession of the premises allocated to any person under the provisions of this section is not given up to him, and until such possession shall be given up, to direct that the profits of the benefice arising from the sequestration thereof under this Measure be applied subject to the provisions thereof as if the same arose under a sequestration for non-residence.
- (4) A right of residence and any other right vested in a person under the provisions of this section shall determine upon the determination of his appointment.

Textual Amendments

F15 Words repealed by [Repairs of Benefice Buildings Measure 1972 \(No. 2\)](#), **Sch. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 [S. 72](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

73 Suspension of censure pending appeal.

In any case in which pursuant to the provisions of this Measure, an appeal is lodged against a judgment order or decree of any court or commission constituted under this Measure in proceedings charging an offence or claiming a penalty or forfeiture against a clergyman, the censure or award of the court or commission from whose judgment order or decree the appeal is made shall be suspended until the appeal is determined, but an appeal shall not affect an inhibition *pendente lite* under section seventy-seven of this Measure.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 [S. 73](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

74 Restrictions during a period of suspension or inhibition.

- (1) In any case in which by reason of a censure pronounced against him a person is suspended or inhibited under this Measure [^{F16}for a specified time] from discharging all or any of the duties attached to any office held by him:—
 - (a) he shall not interfere with any other person who may be appointed to discharge any of the said duties;
 - (b) subject to the provisions of the following subsection he shall not reside in or occupy any house of residence belonging to his office; and
 - (c) he shall not be liable under any penalty or forfeiture for non-residence.
- (2) In the case of an incumbent of a parochial benefice the bishop may for special reasons permit him to reside in or occupy such house of residence or some part thereof.
- (3) In the case of such an incumbent, subject to any direction to the contrary given by the bishop, he shall not receive any part of the income of the benefice while he remains resident within a distance of ten miles from the parish or other principal church of the parish or other area in which, prior to the commencement of the period of inhibition, he had the cure of souls.

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Textual Amendments

F16 Words in s. 74(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 13** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 S. 74 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

75 Provisions as to lapse on avoidance of preferment.

Where by virtue of anything in or done under this Measure any preferment is vacant the time for lapse shall run from the date on which the prescribed notice of the vacancy is given.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 S. 75 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

76 Rights of patronage during suspension or inhibition.

- (1) In any case in which by virtue of a censure pronounced against him a person is suspended or inhibited under this Measure [^{F17}for a specified time] from discharging all or any of the duties attaching to his preferment, any right of patronage vested in him by virtue of his preferment shall, during the period of suspension or inhibition, and subject to the provisions of the following subsection, vest in the person entitled to appoint to such preferment and so that in the case of a diocesan bishop, any such right of patronage shall vest in the archbishop of the relevant province, and in the case of an archbishop, shall vest in the archbishop of the other province.
- (2) In any case in which an incumbent is himself the patron of his benefice, the right of patronage of such benefice shall, so long as the period of suspension or inhibition remains in force, vest in the archbishop of the relevant province.

Textual Amendments

F17 Words in s. 76(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 14** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 S. 76 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F18}77 Inhibition pendente lite.

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- F18** S. 77 repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

78 Recording of declarations, resolutions and censures.

Any declaration or resolution made by a bishop, or by an archbishop, or by an Upper House of Convocation or any censure pronounced by any court, pursuant to the provisions of this Measure shall be recorded in the diocesan registry concerned or in the provincial registry of the relevant province as the case may be.

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- C7** S. 78 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F19}79 When convictions, orders or findings are to be deemed conclusive.

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Textual Amendments

- F19** S. 79 repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

80 Place where courts, &c. are to sit.

[^{F20}Proceedings in a court or commission exercising jurisdiction under this Measure or of a committee or inquiry under this Measure]^{F21}... may be held in any place convenient to the court, commission, committee or person holding the inquiry, due regard being paid to the convenience of parties and witnesses.

Textual Amendments

- F20** Words in s. 80 substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(a)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F21** Words in s. 80 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(b), Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** S. 80 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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81 Evidence and general powers and rights of courts and commissions.

(1) Any court or commission [^{F22}exercising jurisdiction] under this Measure ^{F23}... shall have the same powers as the High Court in relation to the attendance and examination of witnesses and the production and inspection of documents.

[^{F24}(2) If any person does or omits to do anything in connection with proceedings before, or with an order made by, such court or commission ^{F25}... which is in contempt of that court or commission by virtue of any enactment or which would, if the court or commission had been a court of law having power to commit for contempt, have been in contempt of that court, the judge or presiding judge of the court or the presiding member of the commission, as the case may be, may certify the act or omission under his hand to the High Court.

(3) On receiving a certificate under subsection (2) above the High Court may thereupon inquire into the alleged act or omission and after hearing any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of the person who is the subject of the allegation, and after hearing any statement that may be offered in defence, exercise the same jurisdiction and powers as if that person had been guilty of contempt of the High Court.

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- F22** Words in s. 81(1) substituted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\), s. 99\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 24\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F23** Words in s. 81(1) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\), s. 99\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 24\(2\)\(b\), Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F24** S. 81(2)-(4) substituted (1.3.1993) for s. 81(2)(3) by [Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 \(No. 1, SIF 21:8\), s. 8\(1\), Sch. 4 para. 11](#) (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F25** Words in s. 81(2) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\), s. 99\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 24\(3\), Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F26** S. 81(4) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\), s. 99\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 24\(4\), Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** S. 81 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\), ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F27}**82 Abolition of obsolete jurisdictions, courts, &c.**

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Textual Amendments

- F27** S. 82 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\), Sch. 1 Pt. 6 Group 5](#)

83 Savings.

(1) Any judge or registrar of an ecclesiastical court appointed to office before the commencement of this Measure shall continue in his office as if he had been appointed

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under this Measure and nothing contained in this Measure shall affect the terms and conditions on and subject to which his appointment was made.

- (2) Nothing in this Measure affects—
- (a) any prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen; or
 - (b) the existing procedure relating to the confirmation of the election of bishops; or
 - (c) any power of the High Court to control the proper exercise by ecclesiastical courts of their functions; or
 - (d) the mode of appointment, office, and duties of vicars general of provinces or dioceses; or
 - (e) the visitatorial powers of archdeacons; or
 - (f) the mode of appointment, office and duties of the official principal of an archdeacon; or
 - (g) the jurisdiction of the Master of the Faculties.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of section twenty-nine of the ^{M2}Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840, nothing in this Measure shall authorise proceedings against a holder of an office in a Royal Peculiar.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 83(2) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), ss. **35(1)**, 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- C11** S. 83(3) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), ss. **35(1)**, 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1840 c. 113.

84 Exclusion of Channel Islands.

For the purposes of this Measure, the diocese of Winchester shall be deemed not to include the Channel Islands.

85 Provisions as to diocese of Sodor and Man.

If an Act of Tynwald so provides, this Measure shall extend to the Isle of Man subject to such modifications, if any, as may be specified in such Act of Tynwald, and in that event this Measure shall then have effect with the omission, in the definition of “diocese” in subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the words “(other than Sodor and Man)”.

86 Amendments of other enactments.

The enactments specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Measure shall have effect subject to the amendments respectively specified in relation thereto in that Schedule (being amendments consequential on the provisions of this Measure).

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- C12** The text of S. 86 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

87 Repeals.

The enactments specified in the first and second columns of the Fifth Schedule to this Measure are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule, and any canon, constitution, decretal or other like instrument forming part of the law ecclesiastical which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Measure shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, cease to have effect.

^{F28}**88 Commencement.**

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Textual Amendments

- F28** S. 88 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 6](#) Group 5

89 Short title.

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