

# Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 

1978 No. 2

## Diocesan record offices

## $7 \quad$ Provision of diocesan record offices.

(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, there shall be a diocesan record office for every diocese.
(2) If the bishop of a diocese considers it necessary for the diocese to have more than one diocesan record office, he shall divide the diocese into parts for the purpose of this section, and there shall be a diocesan record office for each part.
(3) The diocesan record office for a diocese or part thereof shall be the place which is for the time being designated by the bishop of the diocese as such an office by an instrument in writing.
(4) The bishop of a diocese shall not designate a place as a diocesan record office unless that place-
(a) is a depository provided by a local authority under the ${ }^{\text {M1 }}$ Local Government (Records) Act 1962 or the ${ }^{\text {M2 }}$ Local Government Act 1972 for documents deposited with or belonging to that authority; or
(b) is a place of deposit appointed under the ${ }^{\text {M3 }}$ Public Records Act 1958; or
(c) is in the opinion of the bishop a suitable place to be appointed as a place of deposit under that Act;
and before he designates any such place as a diocesan record office he shall obtain the agreement of the authority who will be responsible for register books and records deposited in that place under this Measure.
(5) Where the bishop of a diocese makes an instrument under this section, he shall notify the diocesan synod that he has done so and of the effect of the instrument.
(6) Where a diocese has more than one diocesan record office, any question which arises under this Measure by reason of that fact shall be determined by the bishop of the diocese.
(7) Any place which immediately before the commencement of this Measure is the diocesan record office for a diocese or part thereof under the ${ }^{\mathrm{M}^{4}}$ Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1929 shall be deemed to have been duly designated by the bishop of the diocese under this section as such office; but the preceding provision shall not be taken as affecting the right of the bishop of the diocese to withdraw the designation or the right of the authority responsible for register books and records deposited in such office to withdraw its agreement to the designation.

## Marginal Citations

M1 $\quad 1962$ c. 56.
M2 1972 c. 70.
M3 1958 c. 51.
M4 1929 No. 1.

## Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978, Section 7.

