



Church of England Convocations Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 2

An Act to make further provision with respect to the duration of the Convocations of the provinces of Canterbury and York. [24th February 1966]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duration of Convocations.

- (1) Notwithstanding any custom or rule of law to the contrary, the Convocations of Canterbury and York may be called together and dissolved at such times as Her Majesty may determine, without regard to the time at which Parliament is summoned or dissolved.
- (2) A Convocation of Canterbury or York shall (unless sooner dissolved pursuant to Her Majesty's directions) stand dissolved at the expiration of the period of five years (or in the case of the Convocations existing at the passing of this Act, six years) beginning with the date for which it was called together.
- (3) On the dissolution of the said Convocations, the power of Her Majesty to provide for the election of members and the calling together of new Convocations shall be exercised as heretofore so as to secure that the new Convocations are called together as soon as may be convenient after the dissolution of the old.
- (4) It is hereby declared that the said Convocations are not dissolved by the demise of the Crown.

2 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Church of England Convocations Act 1966.