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**2009 No. 2129**

**ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND**

**The Church Representation Rules  
(Amendment) Resolution 2009**

*Made (passed by the General  
Synod) - - - - - 13th July 2009*

*Laid before Parliament 6th August 2009*

*Coming into force - - - 1st January 2010*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7(1) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969<sup>(1)</sup> the General Synod resolves to amend the Church Representation Rules<sup>(2)</sup> as follows.

In accordance with that section the General Synod has passed this Resolution with a majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.

**Citation, interpretation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Resolution may be cited as the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2009 and the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2004<sup>(3)</sup> and this Resolution may be cited together as the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2009.

(2) In this Resolution any reference to a rule or Appendix is a reference to the rule or Appendix bearing that number in the Church Representation Rules.

(3) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st January 2010.

**Provisions relating to elections of churchwardens**

2. For rule 13 substitute—

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- (1) 1969 No. 2.
- (2) The Church Representation Rules are contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 and were amended by the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolutions 1973 to 2004 (S.I. 1973/1865, 1980/178, 1981/959, 1950, 1984/1039, 1040, 1989/2044, 2095, 1994/3118, 1995/3243, 1999/2112, 2004/1889), by the Diocese in Europe Measure 1980 (1980 No. 2)), by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, by the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993, by the Team and Group Ministries Measure 1995 (1995 No. 1)), by the National Institutions Measure 1998, by the Cathedrals Measure 1999, by the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 2003 (2003 No. 1) and by the [Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 \(2007 No.1\)](#).
- (3) S.I. 1973/1865, 1980/178, 1981/959, 1950, 1984/1039, 1040, 1989/2044, 2095, 1994/3118, 1995/3243, 1999/2112, 2004/1889.

“13. Elections of churchwardens shall be conducted, at a meeting of parishioners, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001.”

### **Joint parochial church councils and team and group councils**

3.—(1) For rule 19(1)(a) substitute—

“(a) for establishing a joint parochial church council (in this rule referred to as ‘the joint council’) comprising—

(i) the ministers of those parishes; and

(ii) lay representatives elected, chosen or appointed in such manner and in such numbers, from among the lay members of the parochial church councils of each of those parishes, as may be specified in the scheme.”

(2) For rule 20(1)(a)(iv) substitute—

“(iv) lay representatives elected, chosen or appointed in such manner and in such numbers, by and from among the lay members of the parochial church councils of each of the parishes in the area, as may be specified in the scheme.”

(3) For rule 21(1)(a)(iii) substitute—

“(iii) lay representatives elected, chosen or appointed in such manner and in such numbers, by and from among the lay members of the parochial church councils of each of the parishes in the area for which the group ministry is established, as may be specified in the scheme.”

### **Reduction in minimum size of diocesan synods**

4. In rule 31(8) for “120” substitute “100”.

### **Increase in nominations period for diocesan synod elections**

5. In rule 32(4) for “fourteen” substitute “twenty-one”.

### **General provisions relating to Parochial Church Councils**

6. In paragraph 5 of Appendix II for “rules 22 and 23” substitute “rule 23”.

Approved by the General Synod on  
13th July 2009

*David Williams*  
Clerk to the Synod

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Resolution of the General Synod of the Church of England, which was passed in accordance with section 7(1) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969, amends the Church Representation Rules contained in Schedule 3 to that Measure.

Paragraph 1 deals with citation, interpretation and commencement.

Paragraph 2 amends a provision relating to the election of churchwardens.

Paragraph 3 amends provisions relating to joint parochial church councils, team councils and group councils to allow greater flexibility in relation to the manner of electing, choosing or appointing lay representatives to serve on such councils. The manner in which lay representatives are chosen will continue to be specified in the schemes that establish such councils but the amendments made by paragraph 3 would mean that provision for lay representation could be made which included, for example, *ex officio* lay representatives.

Paragraph 4 reduces the minimum size of diocesan synods from 120 to 100.

Paragraph 5 extends the period during which candidates may be nominated for election to diocesan synods from 14 to 21 days.

Paragraph 6 amends a provision relating to the chairmanship of parochial church council meetings.