



# Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963

## CHAPTER 1

### ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION MEASURE 1963

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*Procedure under Part V after Laying of Complaint*

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“I, , do swear that I will be faithful and...

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“I, , do swear that I will, to the uttermost...  
Part

II. ....

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SCHEDULE

Part I — PROVISION OF EXAMINERS UNDER PART IV OF THE MEASURE

- 1 (1) For the purpose of enabling examiners to be appointed...
- 2 The examiner to whom a complaint is referred for inquiry...
- 3 A person selected under this Part of this Schedule as...
- 4 If a member of the panel ceases to hold a...

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UNDER PART IV OF THE MEASURE

- 5 (1) For the purpose of providing assessors to sit with...
- 6 The four assessors with whom the consistory court of a...
- 7 If either party shall object to any assessor for reasons...
- 8 If by reason of any objection or non-attendance or otherwise...
- 9 A person selected under this Part of this Schedule to...
- 10 If a member of either panel resigns or dies or...

THIRD SCHEDULE —

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FOURTH SCHEDULE — Amendments of Other Enactments.

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*The Clerical Disabilities Act, 1870.*

In section four, in paragraph (3), the reference to the...

*The Benefices Act, 1898.*

In sub-section (5) of section one for the words “under...

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FIFTH SCHEDULE — Enactments Repealed

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 84 word substituted by [2020 No. 2 s. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#)