



# Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 1974

1974 No. 1

A Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England to make provision for the amendment of the Constitutions of the Convocations of Canterbury and York; to amend Article 8 of the Constitution of the General Synod of the Church of England; and to make further provision with respect to the manner of voting in the General Synod. [9th July 1974]

## **1 Provision for amendment of Constitutions of the Convocations.**

- (1) It shall be lawful for the General Synod to make a Canon amending the Constitutions of the Upper Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York for the purpose of enabling suffragan bishops to be members of those Houses and, accordingly, of the House of Bishops of the General Synod; and the Canon shall make provision with respect to the number of such bishops who are to be elected to the Upper House of each Convocation and with respect to the method of their election.
- (2) Where the General Synod makes a Canon for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, it shall also amend the Canons relating to the representation of the clergy in the Lower Houses of the said Convocations for the purpose of excluding from the persons qualified or entitled to be members of the Lower House of each Convocation, and from the persons entitled to elect or choose a member or members of such House, the persons who by virtue of the first-mentioned Canon are qualified to be members of the Upper House of that Convocation.

## **2 Amendment of Article 8 of Constitution of General Synod in its application to schemes.**

- (1) In Article 8(1) of the Constitution of the General Synod of the Church of England set out in Schedule 2 to the <sup>MI</sup>Synodical Government Measure 1969, which Article lays down certain requirements for the final approval by the General Synod of a scheme for a constitutional union between the Church of England and another Christian body,

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after the word “body” there shall be inserted the words “being a body a substantial number of whose members reside in Great Britain”.

(2) After paragraph (1) of the said Article 8 there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

“(1A) If the Archbishops consider that this Article should apply to a scheme which affects the Church of England and another Christian body but does not fall within paragraph (1) of this Article, they may direct that this Article shall apply to that scheme, and where such a direction is given this Article shall apply accordingly.”

(3) The paragraph inserted in Article 8 by Section 1(1) of the <sup>M2</sup>Synodical Government (Special Majorities) Measure 1971 and numbered (1A) shall be re-numbered (1B).

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** The text of ss. 2(1)(2)(3), 3 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.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1969 No. 2.  
**M2** 1971 No.1.

### 3 Manner of voting on a division

At the end of Article 5 of the said Constitution, which provides for the manner of voting in the Synod, there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(4) Where a vote is to be taken on a division by Houses, it may be taken neither by an actual division or in such other manner as Standing Orders may provide.”

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C2** The text of ss. 2(1)(2)(3), 3 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.

### 4 Citation.

This Measure may be cited as the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 1974 and the <sup>M3</sup>Synodical Government Measure 1969, the <sup>M4</sup>Synodical Government (Special Majorities) Measure 1971 and this Measure may be cited together as the Synodical Government Measures 1969 to 1974.

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