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SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 3

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 substituted (1.1.2020) by [Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 1(3), [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 3](#)); S.I. 2019/1460, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 3 modified by [Cathedrals Measure 1963 \(No. 2\)](#), s. 12(3) (as substituted (1.6.1992) by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1992 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 17(1), [Sch. 3 para. 10](#); Instrument dated 27.5.1992 made by [Archbishops of Canterbury and York](#).)
Sch. 3 modified (30.6.1999) by [1999 No. 1](#), ss. 12(4), 38(2)(3) (with ss. 33, 37, 38(5)(6))
- C1** Sch. 3 applied by [2001 No. 1](#), s. 5(7) (as substituted (19.5.2014) by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 2014 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 21(2), [Sch. 2 para. 15](#); S.I. 2014/1369, art. 2)
- C1** [Sch. 3](#) modified (coming into force in accordance with s. 53(3) of the amending Measure) by [Cathedrals Measure 2021 \(No. 2\)](#), s. 40(3) (with ss. 42(4), 48, 52(1))
- C1** [Sch. 3](#): power to modify conferred (coming into force in accordance with s. 53(3) of the amending Measure) by [Cathedrals Measure 2021 \(No. 2\)](#), s. 41(2)(d) (with ss. 42(4), 48, 52(1))

PART 3

DEANERY SYNODS

Procedure

- 26 (1) A diocesan synod must make rules for the deanery synods in the diocese.
- (2) The rules must include provision—
- (a) for the rural dean and a member of the house of laity of the deanery synod elected by that house to be the joint chairs;
 - (b) for the joint chairs to decide between themselves who is to chair each meeting or particular items of business on the agenda;
 - (c) for there to be a secretary;
 - (d) for a specified minimum number of meetings to be held in each year;
 - (e) for decisions to be taken by a majority of members present and voting, except where the rules require there to be a vote by houses;
 - (f) for there to be a standing committee, the membership and functions of which are provided for by the rules;
 - (g) for a report of the deanery synod's proceedings to be given to every PCC in the deanery.

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- (3) The rules may include provision for such other matters consistent with the provision required by paragraph (2) as the diocesan synod decides.
- (4) The provision which may be made under paragraph (3) includes provision to impose a maximum period for which a person may serve as an officer, or as a member of the standing committee, of a deanery synod in the diocese.
- (5) The provision which may be so made also includes provision to enable the lay chair of each deanery synod in the diocese to continue to hold office as such until the election of his or her successor as chair.
- (6) Subject to the rules, a deanery synod may determine its own procedure.
- (7) “Lay chair”, in relation to a deanery synod, means the member of the house of laity of the deanery synod who, by virtue of paragraph (2)(a), is one of the two joint chairs of the synod.]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Measure associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Measure (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 11 words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 83A applied by 1986 gsm 3, s. 12(10) (as inserted) by [2024 No. 1 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 rule M8(2A) inserted by [2024 No. 1 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 83A inserted by [2024 No. 1 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 31(3)(c) word substituted by [2020 No. 2 s. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 23(1)(a) words inserted by [2024 No. 1 Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 40(9) words inserted by [S.I. 2020/406 para. 9\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 68(7)(a) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 69(6)(a) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 69(11)(d) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 71(1) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 45(5) words substituted by [2024 No. 1 s. 17\(1\)](#)