



Synodical Government Measure 1969

1969 No. 2

1 Vesting of functions and authority of Convocations in a General Synod.

- (1) It shall be lawful for the Convocations of Canterbury and York to submit for Her Majesty's Licence and Assent Canons in the form set out in Schedule 1 to this Measure providing—
- (a) for vesting in the General Synod of the Church of England, being the Church Assembly renamed and reconstituted in accordance with this Measure, the functions, authority, rights and privileges of the said Convocations;
 - (b) for modifying the functions of the said Convocations when sitting separately for their provinces;
- and, if Her Majesty is pleased to grant Her Licence and Assent, it shall be lawful for the said Convocations to make, promulge and execute the said Canons, which shall have full force and effect.
- (2) The functions so vested shall be exercisable in accordance with the Constitution of the General Synod set out in Schedule 2 to this Measure and shall be exercisable for the Church of England as a whole, instead of being exercisable provincially, but without prejudice to the making of different provision, where appropriate, for the two provinces.
- (3) The provisions of sections 1 and 3 of the Submission of the ^{M1}Clergy Act 1533—
- (a) requiring the Queen's Assent and Licence to the making, promulging and executing of Canons by the said Convocations, and
 - (b) providing that no Canons shall be made or put in execution by the said Convocations which are contrary or repugnant to the Royal prerogative or the customs, laws or statutes of this realm,
- shall apply in like manner to the making, promulging and executing of Canons by the General Synod.
- (4) The dissolution and calling together of the said Convocations in pursuance of the Royal Writ (or otherwise under the ^{M2}Church of England Convocations Act 1966) shall have the effect, in accordance with the said Constitution, of dissolving and bringing into being the General Synod.

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- (5) The functions vested in the General Synod by the said Canons—
- (a) shall include the power of the said Convocations as declared by the Convocations of the ^{M3}Clergy Measure 1920, to make, promulge and execute Canons for the amendment of the Constitution of the Lower Houses thereof;
 - (b) shall not include the functions of the said Convocations under the Measures mentioned in section 3 of this Measure, which shall be exercisable in accordance with that section.

Extent Information

E1 For extent to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man see [s. 9\(3\)-\(5\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1533 c. 19 (21:1)

M2 1966 c. 2 (21:1).

M3 1920 No. 1 (21:1).

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- Sch. 3 rule 40(9) words inserted by [S.I. 2020/406 para. 9\(1\)](#)
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