



# Synodical Government (Special Majorities) Measure 1971

1971 No. 1

A Measure passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England to authorise the General Synod of the Church of England to require special majorities for a scheme for a constitutional union or a permanent and substantial change of relationship between the Church of England and another Christian body, and for the exercise of powers to suspend the Standing Orders of the General Synod. [17th February 1971]

## **1 Special majorities for certain proceedings.**

- (1) In Article 8 of the Constitution of the General Synod of the Church of England set out in Schedule 2 to the <sup>M1</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 or a permanent and substantial change of relationship between the Church of England and another Christian body, the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph (1):—

“(1A) The General Synod may by resolution provide that final approval of any such scheme as aforesaid, being a scheme specified in the resolution, shall require the assent of such special majorities of the members present and voting as may be specified in the resolution, and the resolution may specify a special majority of each House or of the whole Synod or of both, and in the latter case the majorities may be different.”

- (2) In Article 11 of the said Constitution, which confers powers to make Standing Orders, the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph (1):—

“(1A) Provision may be made by Standing Order that the exercise of any power of the General Synod to suspend the Standing Orders or any of them shall require the assent of such a majority of the members of the whole Synod present and voting as may be specified in the Standing Order.”

- (3) In Article 5 of the said Constitution, which provides for the manner of voting in the Synod, the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3):—

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“(3) This Article shall be subject to any provision of this Constitution or of any Measure with respect to special majorities of the Synod or of each House thereof, and where a special majority of each House is required the vote shall be taken on a division by Houses, and where a special majority of the whole Synod is required, the motion shall, for the purposes of this Article, be one relating solely to procedure.”

**Annotations:**

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

- C1** The text of S. 1(1)(2)(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.](#)

**2 Short title.**

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