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Synod Act 1972

AN ACT

to amend and re-enact the Synod Act 1878

Short Title

1 This Act may be cited as the **Synod Act 1972**.

ss 2 and 3 rep Act No. 4/2023

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Assistant bishops to be clerical members of Synod

s 3A ins Act no 1/2022

3A A clerk who holds office as an assistant bishop under Part 2 of the **Clergy Act 2022** is a clerical member of the Synod and may vote as a member of the house of clergy except when they are President or acting as the President.

Interpretation

s 4 am Act no 1/2022, and 1/2023

4 (1) In this Act, *parish* includes an Authorised Anglican Congregation.

(2) For the purposes of this Act except where the context otherwise requires *vicar* has the same meaning as in the **Parish Governance Act 2013**.

Lay representatives of parishes

5 Every parish may as hereinafter provided elect two lay representatives to be members of Synod and one alternate lay representative to be a member of Synod in the circumstances prescribed by this Act.

Parish with additional stipendiary clerk may elect 3 lay representatives

s.5AA amended by Nos. 9/1993, 1/2022, 8/2022, 6/2023

- 5AA (1) A parish that pays a full time stipend for more than one clerk, and that pays its annual diocesan assessment in full, may apply in writing to the Archbishop for authority to elect an additional lay representative.
- (2) If the Archbishop in Council approves an application under sub-section (1), a reference in this Act to two lay representatives or to two candidates has effect as a reference to three lay representatives or three candidates, as the case requires.
- (3) An approval under this section has effect for the purposes of the next following general election of lay representatives but has no effect if, on the date the mandate is issued for that election, the parish is not qualified to make the application under sub-section (1).

Other lay representatives

s. 5A inserted by No. 5/1986 and amended by Nos. 9/1993, 1/2004, 1/2008, 2/2011, 3/2015, 7/2015, 3/2016, 6/2016, 2/2021, 9/2022

- 5A (1) A lay person who is the Chancellor, a Deputy Chancellor, the Advocate or the Registrar of the Diocese is ex officio a lay member of Synod.
- (1A) A lay person who is –
- (a) a lay representative of the Diocese of Melbourne in General Synod; or
 - (b) a lay representative of the Diocese of Melbourne in the Provincial Council of the Province of Victoria; or
 - (c) a lay member of the Archbishop in Council of the Diocese of Melbourne; or

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(e) the head of an Anglican school –
and is not otherwise a lay member of Synod, shall, on making an application in writing to the Archbishop, become an ex officio lay member of Synod.

- (2) The electoral roll members of St Paul’s Cathedral Melbourne may in accordance with the **Cathedral Act 2016** and this Act, elect two lay representatives to be members of Synod and one alternate lay representative to be a member of Synod in the circumstances prescribed by this Act.

Subsec (3) rep Act No 10/2022

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- (4) Each religious community approved for the purposes of this Act by the Archbishop in Council may, in a manner approved by the Archbishop in Council and in accordance with this Act, elect or appoint one of its lay members to be a member of Synod and one of its lay members to be an alternate member of Synod in the circumstances prescribed by this Act.
- (5) Sub-section (4) does not apply if a member of the religious community is a clerical member of Synod.
- (6) Each congregation designated for the purposes of this Act by the Archbishop in Council as a non-parochial congregation may, in a manner approved by the Archbishop in Council and in accordance with this Act, elect or appoint one lay representative to be a member of Synod and one alternate lay representative to be a member of Synod in the circumstances prescribed by this Act.

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Subsec (7) am Act no. 8/2022, rep 4/2023

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- (8) For the purposes of this section, a person is the head of an Anglican school if the person –
- a. holds a current appointment as the principal (however so designated) of a school listed as an Anglican school in the current Yearbook of the Diocese of Melbourne, and
 - b. is a communicant member and belongs to no other religious denomination.

s. 5B rep 7/2015

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Right of certain office holders to observe and participate

New s 5B ins Act no. 3/2022, am No 1/2023

5B A person who is—

- (a) the chief executive officer, MADC

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- (b) a trustee of MATC—

is entitled to observe and participate in meetings of the Synod regardless of whether they are communicant members of the Anglican Church, but is not by virtue of this section a member of the Synod or entitled to vote.

Eligibility

s. 6 amended by Nos. 5/1986, 7/1991, 4/2000, 1/2004, 6/2016, 9/2022, subs by No. 6/2023

6. A person on the electoral roll of a parish in the Diocese of Melbourne who is—
- (a) at least eighteen years of age;
 - (b) a communicant member; and
 - (c) either—

- (i) resident in the Diocese of Melbourne; or
- (ii) resident in a diocese in the Province of Victoria other than the Diocese of Melbourne but not on the electoral roll of a parish in that diocese —

may be elected or appointed as a lay representative or alternate lay representative.

Persons on an electoral roll may vote

s 7 am Act No. 4/2023

7 Every person whose name is on the electoral roll of a parish may vote at any election in that parish for the purposes of this Act.

List of parishes

s 8 am Act no. 10/2022

8 Previous to a general election of lay representatives and alternate lay representatives the Archbishop shall cause to be prepared a list of parishes in the diocese and such list shall be settled by him in Council and upon the settlement thereof the same shall be signed by him and such list shall be laid upon the table of the Synod and may be varied from time to time by the Archbishop in Council on being moved to do so by the Synod or for the purpose of adding new parishes thereto or removing parishes therefrom and such list shall be the standing list of parishes.

Mandate

s. 9 substituted by No. 5/1986 and amended by No. 1/2004, 10/2022, 4/2023

9 For obtaining a general election or appointment of lay representatives and alternate lay representatives, the Archbishop

- (a) by the mandate under his hand addressed to each vicar must require the vicar to invite electors to proceed to the election of lay representatives and an alternate lay representative in manner hereinafter mentioned and within a period to be specified in such mandate which

period the Archbishop may if he think fit by instrument under his hand extend; and

- (b) by mandate under his hand addressed to the Dean of Melbourne, the Superior of each approved religious community and the chaplain or other person having the care of each designated non-parochial congregation, shall require the election or appointment in accordance with section 5A of lay representatives and alternate lay representatives within the period mentioned in the mandate or any longer period approved by the Archbishop.

New parishes

- 10 When a new parish is constituted or the boundaries of a parish are altered after a general election of lay representatives and alternate lay representatives has taken place the Archbishop shall issue his mandate for the election of lay representatives and an alternate lay representative for that parish and such election shall be held as nearly as may be *mutatis mutandis* provided herein for by-elections.

Notice for nominations

s 11 am Act nos. 1/2022, 4/2023

- 11 (1) Every vicar upon receipt of such a mandate shall give or cause to be given in every building within such parish which has been duly consecrated or licensed for Divine service (or if there is no such building, in every building used by the parish for public worship) notice during the time of holding service therein specifying a period within which nomination papers may be sent to him.
- (2) Such period shall not be less than fifteen days from the day of the notice and shall expire immediately before the hour of the first service at the principal church of the parish on the Sunday immediately preceding the first day

which may be appointed in accordance with this Act for the holding of the election.

- (3) Every vicar as soon as conveniently may be after the receipt of a nomination paper shall cause the name of every person duly nominated with the office to which he is nominated and the names of his nominators to be affixed to or be displayed in a position adjacent to the principal door of every such building PROVIDED that any person who has been nominated may at any time by writing under his hand addressed to the vicar withdraw his name as a candidate for election as a lay representative or alternate lay representative as the case may be.

Nomination papers

- 12 Every nomination paper shall be in one or other of the forms contained in the Schedule hereto marked A or to the like effect and shall be signed by not less than five electors.

Nominations

- 13 (1) If no more than two candidates be nominated for election as lay representatives the person or persons nominated shall be deemed to have been duly elected.
- (2) If only one candidate (excluding any person deemed to be elected as lay representative) be nominated for election as alternate lay representative that person shall be deemed to have been duly elected.

s 13(3) am Act no. 1/2022

- (3) Where any person or persons is or are deemed to be duly elected pursuant to this section the vicar shall forthwith certify the same to the Archbishop.

Election

s 14 am Act no. 1/2022

14 If—

- (a) more than two candidates be nominated for election as lay representatives; or
- (b) more than one candidate (excluding any person deemed to be elected as a lay representative) be nominated for election as alternative representative –

the vicar shall forthwith give or cause to be given in every such building notice appointing a place or places and for each place the day and the hour for proceeding to an election and of the time or times during which the poll shall on each day and at each such place be kept open and shall cause a copy of such notice to be posted on or be displayed in a position adjacent to the principal door of every such building.

Elections at annual meetings and other times

s. 15 amended by No. 2/1987

- 15 (1) Where the Archbishop's mandate for a general election or by-election is given on or after 15 July and before 15 September the election shall be held on the day or days and at the place of, and during hours which shall be or include a reasonable part of the time of the annual meeting of each church in the parish PROVIDED that the Archbishop may where he deems the election to be urgent direct in his mandate that the election be held on or before some date specified therein which shall not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date on which the mandate is given and the election shall be held accordingly.
- (2) Where the Archbishop's mandate is given at any time not during the period referred to in sub-section (1) the Archbishop shall specify some date not less than thirty nor more than sixty days after the date of the giving of

the mandate on or before which the election shall be held.

Voting papers

s 16 am Act no. 1/2022

- 16 The vicar or their deputy shall attend at each polling place during the hours appointed for the poll to be kept open at that place and having first initialled the same shall issue voting papers to qualified electors and shall keep a record of the name of every person to whom a voting paper is issued.

Declaration by elector

s 17 am Act no. 1/2022

- 17 Every elector before exercising his right to vote shall in the presence of the vicar or their deputy make the declaration in Schedule B hereto.

Voting

s 18 am Act no. 1/2022

- 18 (1) Every voter having received a voting paper as aforesaid shall forthwith and without leaving the polling place fill in the same and shall deposit the voting paper in a ballot box provided by the vicar or their deputy.
- (2) No ballot box shall be opened nor any voting paper scrutinised until after the close of the voting at every polling place in the parish but as soon as convenient after the close of the poll the vicar or their deputy shall proceed to record the votes and sign the record thereof and in the case of deputies forward the voting papers and the record to the vicar who shall determine upon whom the election has fallen and in the event of an equality of votes the vicar due notice having been given to the candidates shall determine by lot upon whom the election has fallen and shall certify the result to the Archbishop PROVIDED always that where there has

been a ballot both for lay representatives and for alternate lay representative the vicar shall determine the result of the election of lay representatives first and a person elected as a lay representative shall be deemed to be not eligible for election as an alternate lay representative.

Certification of election

s 19 am Act no. 1/2022

19 The vicar shall cause to be delivered to each person elected a certificate of his election and shall countersign and forward to the Archbishop all nominations subscriptions and records of votes.

Report of election of other representatives

s. 19A inserted by No. 5/1986 and amended by Nos. 1/2004, 4/2023

19A The Dean of Melbourne, the superior of each approved religious community and the chaplain or person having the care of a designated non-parochial congregation shall forward to the Archbishop the names of the lay representative or lay representatives elected or appointed in response to the mandate.

s. 19B rep 7/2015

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Declaration by lay representatives

s. 20 amended by Nos. 5/1986, 7/1991, 9/1993, 2/2011, 2/2021, 9/2022

20 Each lay person elected or appointed or holding office as a lay member of Synod ex officio as aforesaid shall before taking part or voting at Synod sign and deliver to the President thereof a declaration in the form following:-

“I whose name is hereto subscribed do declare that I am communicant member and belong to no other religious denomination”.

Duration of Synod

s. 21 amended by No. 2/1987

- 21 Every future Synod that may be constituted shall continue as a Synod until a date fixed by the Archbishop in Council being a date not less than 30 months and not more than 42 months after the date on which the Archbishop last issued a mandate for a general election; but liable in each case to dissolution in the meantime by the Archbishop who shall have the right to dissolve every Synod subject to the provisions hereinafter contained.

Dissolution

s. 22 amended by No. 5/1986

- 22 Within six months after every dissolution of the Synod by effluxion of time or otherwise a general election or appointment of lay representatives and alternate lay representatives shall take place.

Mandate for general election

s. 23 amended by No. 5/1986

- 23 The Archbishop may issue his mandate for a general election or appointment at any time within the two months next preceding the due date for dissolution of Synod by effluxion of time and where his mandate has not been so issued he shall issue it within four months next following the dissolution of Synod.

Convening of Synod

s. 24 amended by Nos. 5/1986, 9/1993 and 6/2023

- 24 Once at least in every year the Archbishop shall convene the Synod by summoning thereto all clerks duly licensed and the lay representatives of all parishes and the lay representatives of all congregations and bodies referred to in section 5A at such time and place as the Archbishop may fix or direct so that a period of eighteen calendar months shall not intervene between the last sitting of the Synod in one session and the

first sitting of the Synod in the next session or between the last session of one Synod and the first session of the next Synod and every Synod shall have power to adjourn from time to time as may be agreed upon by a majority of the members thereof present and voting and shall not be subject to prorogued or dissolved without its own consent until it shall have sat on seven several days.

Archbishop may convene meeting by teleconference or videoconference

s 24A ins Act no. 3/2022

- 24A (1) The Archbishop may determine that a meeting of the Synod is to be held partly or wholly by teleconference or videoconference.
- (2) Where the Archbishop convenes a meeting of the Synod under subsection (1)—
- (a) the Archbishop may appoint such persons as the Archbishop considers necessary to assist in the chairing and orderly conduct of the meeting and the equal and full participation of members of Synod;
 - (b) an electronic system, once approved by the Synod Business Committee, may be used for any purpose for which the Standing Orders make provision for those present at a meeting of the Synod to vote, rise in their places, or otherwise communicate a position in relation to the business before the meeting;
 - (c) every member of Synod must be allowed to participate as fully as if present where the President is located when chairing the meeting;
 - (d) for the purpose of determining the number of members present at any time during a meeting of the Synod, the number of members present is the total

- number present in person, by teleconference, by videoconference, or a combination of all of these methods in use at that time;
- (e) subject to subsection (5), the Archbishop in Council, acting on the advice of the Synod Business Committee, may adopt sessional orders to apply to that session of the Synod.
- (3) The Archbishop in Council must not delegate the power in section 24A(2)(e) to adopt sessional orders.
- (4) The provisions of this section do not prevent members of Synod being present together at one or more places when present by teleconference or videoconference.
- (5) At the commencement of a session of Synod it may consider a motion on the notice paper to disallow some or all of the sessional orders adopted under subsection (2), but the passing of that motion does not affect the validity or invalidity of anything done or not done before that motion is passed.

Archbishop may alter place of meeting

s 24B ins Act no. 3/2022

24B Where the Archbishop convenes a meeting of the Synod to be held at a place the meeting is valid if held at some other place that has been notified to all members of Synod not less than 7 days before the meeting.

Notification in Government Gazette

s. 25 amended by No. 5/1986

25 The notification in the Government Gazette of the time and place appointed for the first meeting of any new Synod or of the first meeting after any prorogation thereof and the holding of a meeting in pursuance of such notification shall be

sufficient legal evidence of the convening thereof and of compliance with the provisions or requirements of this Act as to the convening of any Synod and as to the election or appointment and summoning of representatives.

Special session

26 When it shall have been deemed expedient by the Archbishop to convene the Synod for a special purpose and in the mandate convening the Synod or by notice given to the members of the Synod in any other manner shall have stated the special purpose for which the Synod has been convened, the session held in pursuance of that mandate shall be deemed a special session.

Business at special session

27 Unless the Synod by a majority of two-thirds of the clergy and of the laity then present and with the consent of the Archbishop shall otherwise determine no business shall be transacted at a special session other than that which the Synod shall have been specially convened to consider.

No other business

28 No business required by an Act or resolution of the Synod to be done at an ordinary session shall be done at a special session unless with the consent of a majority of two-thirds of the clergy and of the laity then present and with the consent of the Archbishop.

Term of office not affected

s 29 am by No. 2/2021

29 The term of the office powers and duties of members of the Archbishop in Council and of Boards and Committees appointed at an ordinary session of Synod shall not be limited or otherwise affected by a special session of the Synod

anything contained in any Act of the Synod to the contrary notwithstanding.

Alternate lay representatives

s. 30 amended by Nos. 5/1986, 9/1993, 7/1999, 1/2004, 3/2015, 5/2016, 1/2022, 10/2022, and 4/2023

30 Where –

(1) a lay representative gives notice in writing to the vicar in charge of his parish or to the Dean of Melbourne, superior of the religious community or chaplain or other person having the care of the non-parochial congregation, as the case may be, that he will be absent from Synod for an entire session; or

(2) the vicar, Dean, chaplain, superior or person as the case may be, has definite knowledge of facts by reason of which he believes –

(a) that a lay representative will be absent from Synod for an entire session; or

(b) that the seat of a lay representative will be vacant for an entire session –

the vicar, Dean, chaplain, superior or person, as the case may be, shall certify in writing to –

(i) the alternate lay representative; and

(ii) the Archbishop –

that he has received such notice or has such knowledge and belief and provided such certificate is so given to the Archbishop not less than one nor more than thirty days before the commencement of that session the alternate lay representative shall be a member of Synod for the duration of that session in the place and to the exclusion of that lay representative.

Resignation

- 31 Any lay representative may resign his seat in the Synod by writing under his hand addressed to the President and from the time when such resignation shall have been received by him the seat of such member shall be vacant.

Seat declared vacant for absence

- 32 The seat of any lay representative who shall have been absent from the Synod for an entire ordinary session of the Synod without leave of the Synod and without having given notice under Section 30 of this Act shall be thereby vacated.

Seat vacant where member no longer on electoral roll

s. 32A inserted by No. 3/1980, am no. 1/2022

- 32A Where lay representative or alternate lay representative of a parish who at the time of election was on the church electoral roll of the parish, ceases to be on that roll, the vicar and the churchwardens of the parish may petition the Archbishop to declare the seat of the lay representative or alternate lay representative, as the case may be, vacant and upon the Archbishop making such a declaration, the seat shall be vacant.

Attendance at Synod

- 33 Every lay representative and every alternate lay representative being a member of Synod shall on some day in each session enter his name in a book kept for that purpose and if the name of any lay representative or alternate lay representative being a member of Synod be not so entered it shall be prima-facie evidence of his absence during the whole of such session.

Forfeiture

s. 34 amended by No. 7/1991

- 34 If any lay representative cease to be a member of the Anglican Church of Australia he shall be deemed to have forfeited his

seat and such seat may be declared vacant by a resolution of the Synod.

Election to fill vacancy

s. 35 amended by No. 5/1986, 1/2004 and 4/2023

- 35 (1) (a) If a lay representative die or resign his seat or if his seat be vacated or declared vacant; or
- (b) If there be no lay representative or only one lay representative for a parish or St Paul's Cathedral; or
- (ba) If there be no lay representative for an approved religious community or a designated nonparochial congregation; or
- (c) If an alternate lay representative die or resign his office or if being a member of Synod for the duration of a session of Synod pursuant to Section 30 of this Act he do not attend Synod during that session; or
- (d) If there be no alternate lay representative for a parish—

the President may issue his mandate for an election or appointment to be made of a lay representative or of an alternate lay representative as the case requires.

- (2) Every election held to fill a vacancy however occasioned shall be conducted in the manner herein provided for general elections and every appointment made shall be made in accordance with section 5A.

Election Committee

s. 36 amended by No. 5/1986

- 36 Within two days of the opening of the first session of each Synod the President shall lay upon the table of the Synod for the consideration thereof a list of names not exceeding five members chosen by him as a Committee to which all questions

shall be referred as to the validity of any disputed election or appointment and if such list be not objected to within two days after it has been laid on the table the members mentioned therein shall form and be an Election Committee for the purpose of deciding all cases of disputed elections or appointments but if the same be objected to by the Synod the Committee shall be chosen by ballot and the President shall have power to fill up any vacancies in the Committee as the same may occur.

Quorum

37 The president or his Commissary shall appoint the time and place of the first meeting of the Election Committee and the said Committee shall not be competent to transact any business unless at the least three members thereof shall be present.

Determination final

38 Every Election Committee shall determine finally on all questions referred to it.

Report to Synod

s. 39 amended by No. 5/1986

39 If any such Committee determine and report to the Synod that a person was not duly elected or appointed who was returned as elected or appointed any person so declared not to be duly elected or appointed shall cease to be a member of the said Synod.

Person declared elected or appointed

s. 40 amended by No. 5/1986

40 If such Committee determine and report any person to have been duly elected or appointed who was not returned the person so declared

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- (a) shall be admitted a member of the said Synod upon making the declaration required as to his qualification and may take his seat accordingly; or
 - (b) shall be admitted an alternate lay representative with the rights and duties pertaining to that office –
- as the case requires.

Election declared void

s. 41 amended by No. 5/1986, 9/1993, 7/1999, 3/2015 and 5/2016

41 If any such Committee declare any election or appointment to be wholly void or declare any lay representative or alternate lay representative to be unqualified the Archbishop shall issue a new mandate for the holding of another election or the making of another appointment and the person or persons thereafter elected or appointed and duly returned shall be the lay representative, lay representatives or alternate lay representative as the case requires for the parish or congregation or body for which such mandate shall have been issued.

Committee may refer resolution to Synod

42 If any such Committee come to any resolution other than the Determination above mentioned such Committee shall report the same to the Synod for its opinion and decision and the Synod may confirm or rescind any such resolution and may make such order thereon as to the Synod shall seem proper.

Regulations

s. 42A ins No. 9/1993 and am by No. 7/1999, 7/2015, 3/2022

42A The Archbishop in Council may make regulations for the purpose of this Act.

subsec (2) rep Act no 3/2022

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ss. 43 and 44 repealed by No. 7/1999

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Schedule A amended by No. 7/1991

SCHEDULE A

FORM 1

Election of Lay Representatives

We the undersigned do hereby nominate as a fit and duly-qualified person who is willing to serve as lay representative of the parish of in the Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne and each of the undersigned hereby declares himself or herself to be a member of the Anglican Church of Australia belonging to no other religious denomination enrolled on the electoral roll of a church within the said parish.

Signature of five or more electors enrolled on the electoral roll of the parish

FORM 2

Election of Alternate Lay Representatives

We the undersigned do hereby nominate as a fit and duly-qualified person who is willing to serve as alternate lay representative of the parish of in the Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne and each of the undersigned hereby declares himself or herself to be a member of the Anglican Church of Australia belonging to no other religious denomination enrolled on the electoral roll of a church within the said parish.

Signature of five or more electors enrolled on the electoral roll of the parish

Schedule B amended by No. 7/1991

SCHEDULE B

I declare that I am duly enrolled as an elector of church in the parish of and

- 1. I have been baptised.
2. I am 18 years or more of age.
3. I am a member of the Anglican Church of Australia and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia.

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4. I have habitually attended public worship in such parish during the three months immediately prior to my enrolment as an elector.
5. I have not already voted at this election or at any other similar election this year in any other parish.

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NOTES

¹The **Synod Act 1972** was assented to on 6 November 1972 and came into operation on the dissolution of the (then) present Synod.

²This reprint incorporates the amendments made to the **Synod Act 1972** by the following Acts:

<i>Name</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>
<i>Synod (Amendment) Act 1980</i>	3/1980	9 October 1980	9 October 1980
<i>Synod (Lay Representatives) Act 1986</i>	5/1986	1 October 1986	3 October 1986
<i>Parishes Act 1987</i>	2/1987	16 October 1987	1 October 1988
<i>Synod (Correction of Name of Church) Act 1991</i>	7/1991	30 May 1991	30 May 1991
<i>Synod (Amendment) Act 1993</i>	9/1993	15 October 1993	18 November 1993
<i>Regions of the Diocese and other Acts (Amendment) Act 1999</i>	7/1999	18 October 1999	18 October 1999
<i>Synod (Amendment) Act 2000</i>	4/2000	23 October 2000	Section 3 on 1 May 2003. Remainder on 23 October 2000
<i>Authorised Anglican Congregations Act 2004</i>	1/2004	2 September 2004	2 September 2004
<i>Synod (Deputy Chancellor) Act 2008</i>	1/2008	10 October 2008	10 October 2008
<i>Synod (Heads of Anglican Schools) Act 2011</i>	2/2011	20 October 2011	20 October 2011
<i>Parish Governance (Authorised Anglican</i>	3/2015	20 October 2015	20 October 2015

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<i>Congregations)</i>			
<i>Amendment Act 2015</i>			
<i>Regions of the Diocese (Repeal) Act 2015</i>	7/2015	20 October 2015	20 October 2015
<i>Cathedral (Transition, Consequential Amendments and Repeal) Act 2016</i>	3/2016	15 December 2016	6 December 2016
<i>Diocesan Acts (Revisions and Repeals) Act 2016</i>	5/2016	15 December 2016	16 December 2016
<i>Age Qualification for Election Repeal Act 2016</i>	6/2016	15 December 2016	15 December 2016
<i>Diocesan Legislation (Revisions and Repeals) Act 2021</i>	2/2021	4 November 2021	4 November 2021
<i>Clergy Act 2022</i>	1/2022	18 October 2022	1 March 2023
<i>Diocesan Legislation Amendment (Conduct of Synod, Electronic Meetings and Other Matters) Bill 2022</i>	3/2022	18 October 2022	2 January 2023
<i>Synod Amendment Act 2022</i>	8/2022	18 October 2022	18 October 2022
<i>Interpretation of Diocesan Legislation Amendment (Communicant member) Act 2022</i>	9/2022	18 October 2022	18 October 2022
<i>Diocesan Acts (Revisions and Repeals) Bill 2022</i>	10/2022	21 December 2022	21 December 2022
<i>Diocesan Governance Legislation Amendment Act 2023</i>	1/2023	24 October 2023	All except ss 8, 10(1) and 11, 24.10.2023; remaining provisions 14.12.2023
<i>Further Consequential Amendments from Previous Legislation Act 2023</i>	4/2023	17 October 2023	17 October 2023

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<i>Synod Legislation Amendment (Representation) Act 2023</i>	6/2023	17 October 2023	17 October 2023
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