

Synodal Elections 1914.

SYNODAL ELECTIONS ORDINANCE, 1914.

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Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to regulate the mode of elections made by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton: Be it ordained by the Synod of the said Diocese as follows, that is to say:—

Mode of Elections or Appointments.

1. When it has been or shall be determined by any Ordinance or Resolution of the Synod other than the Standing Orders that an election or appointment of any person or persons shall be made by the Synod, the election or appointment shall be conducted or made as hereinafter provided.

Notice of Election.

2. At the time of convening the Synod notice shall be sent by the Bishop to all members setting out the offices to be filled, the number and order of the Representatives to be elected or appointed thereto, the day on which the election shall take place (not being earlier than the second of the Session), and the hours during which the votes may be recorded.

Time for Ballot to be Fixed.

3. In case of any office being created during a Session of Synod the time for taking the ballot shall be fixed by the President.

Nominations.

4. No person shall be eligible for election who shall not have been nominated in writing by at least two members of the Synod in a nomination paper which shall have been delivered to the Clerical Secretary not later, as regards the filling of vacancies, than the evening of the first day of session, and as regards any new office or offices not later than the evening previous to the day fixed for the election, and the Secretary shall forthwith cause to be prepared lists of all persons so nominated and the offices to which they are nominated, and shall cause such lists to be laid on the table and exhibited conspicuously in the hall of meeting till the time of election. Provided that if any person who has been nominated express in writing to the Secretary his unwillingness to act, his name shall be erased by the Secretary from the said lists.

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Persons Nominated to be Declared Elected Unless in Excess of Requisite Number.

5. If the number of persons nominated be not more than the number of persons to be elected, the persons nominated shall be declared duly elected, and any vacancy or vacancies then existing shall be filled by the Bishop in Council.

Ballot—How Taken.

6. If the number of persons nominated exceed the number of persons to be elected, a ballot shall be taken on the day and within the hours fixed for the election. The voting papers shall be received by scrutineers appointed by vote of the Synod on motion without notice. As soon as possible after the close of the ballot the scrutineers shall report in writing to the President the result of the election, and the President shall forthwith declare the same to the Synod.

Equality of Votes.

7. In all cases where the votes are equal the names of those receiving an equal number of votes shall be resubmitted to Synod and if the votes still remain equal the President shall determine upon whom the election shall fall.

If no Election Occupants of Office to Continue.

8. In the event from any cause whatsoever of any election not being held at the time or in the manner directed by Ordinance or Resolution of the Synod, the person or persons, if any, then occupying such office or offices shall continue to perform the duties pertaining thereto until a successor or successors shall have been duly elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Not to Apply to Appointment of Bishop.

9. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to apply to any Ordinance relating to the appointment of the Bishop.

Title.

10. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Synodal Elections Ordinance, 1914."

I assent to above Ordinance
22nd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.