

**BUSH BROTHERHOOD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
ORDINANCE, 1928**

**PREAMBLE.**

That whereas it is necessary to amend the Bush Brotherhood Ordinance 1923 as amended by the Bush Brotherhood Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1926 so as to more clearly define the districts in the Brotherhood Area and arrange for their representation in Synod and make provision for the separation of any district from the Brotherhood Area. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton as follows:--

**DISTRICT AND CENTRE DEFINED.**

(1) That each portion of the whole Brotherhood Area that is placed under the control of a Brother, be declared to be a Brotherhood district, and that each place within that district where regular services are held by the Brother in charge thereof shall be known as a centre within that district.

**FORMATION OF DISTRICT.**

(2) That the Brotherhood Council shall determine from time to time what centres may be grouped together to form a district.

**SYNOD REPRESENTATION.**

(3) That each district so formed within the Brotherhood Area shall be represented in Synod by one lay representative.

**SEPARATION FROM BROTHERHOOD.**

(4) That in the event of any district within the Brotherhood Area desiring to be separated from the Brotherhood Area aforesaid for the purpose of seeking the status of either a Parochial District or Parish, such separation shall not take place until the following conditions have been fulfilled: (1) That all arrears of assessment due to the Brotherhood Council shall have been first paid; (2) that all property and all equipment in the possession of the Brotherhood Council in the district seeking separation shall be taken over and paid for if required to do so by the Brotherhood Council.

**MEETINGS TO BE HELD.**

(5) In order to determine whether a district desires separation a special meeting of persons qualified as electors in Parochial Ordinance 1918, Part 7, Section 3, as amended by 1925, shall be held at each centre within that district, called for the consideration of this question only, and before separation can be sought, not less than two-thirds of these centres must agree thereto.

**CONVENING MEETINGS.**

(6) That this special meeting in each centre shall be convened by the Warden of the Brotherhood, who shall instruct

the Brother in charge of the district to give notice of that meeting at not less than two previous services. A similar notice must be attached to the principal door of each church or public place where services are held, in some conspicuous place, and also be inserted at least twice in a newspaper circulating in the district.

**CHAIRMAN.**

(7) The Warden or his deputy authorised in writing shall preside at each of these special meetings, but the chairman, except in the case of a layman who is resident in such centre where the special meeting is held shall not vote, and the Warden shall forward without delay to the Registrar of the Diocese a certificate which shall state that the special meetings as aforesaid have been duly held and shall give the numbers who voted for and against separation at the special meeting in each centre, and which shall be certified as correct by the Warden and any person who acted as his deputy at any such special meeting.

**BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL TO CONSIDER.**

(8) On the receipt of this certificate from the Warden the Brotherhood Council shall consider the question of the separation of that district from the Brotherhood Area, and if it agrees thereto, the said Council shall recommend the separation of that district to the Bishop-in-Council.

**BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL TO DECIDE.**

(9) The Bishop-in-Council shall decide whether separation can be granted, and shall fix the date at which it will take effect, and also the reduction in Diocesan Assessment of the Brotherhood Area consequent upon this separation.

**SHORT TITLE.**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Bush Brotherhood Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1928.

I assent to this Ordinance,

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON.

August 22, 1928.