

Serial No. 109.

AN ACT

To provide for the Election of Representatives of the Diocese
in the Council of the Province of Victoria

No. 1 of 1981

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne in Victoria duly met in Synod according to law as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Provincial Council Representation Act 1981.

2. There shall be elected by ballot in the first session of every Synod to be representatives of the Diocese of Melbourne in the Provincial Council of the Province of Victoria the number of Clerks and the number of lay persons from time to time provided for by the Constitution of the Province of Victoria.

3. At the same time there shall be elected a similar number of Clerks and a similar number of lay persons to be placed on a supplemental list in the order of their election, and the Registrar of the Diocese shall from such list in the order in which the names appear therein fill vacancies occasioned by the inability to attend of Clerical or Lay Representatives primarily elected.

4. In order to enable the Registrar to act in accordance with Section 3 each primarily elected Clerical and Lay Representative shall at least fourteen days before the date appointed for a meeting of the Provincial Council give notice in writing to the Registrar of the Diocese of his ability or inability to attend as the case may be and in the latter event the person appointed by the Registrar to fill the vacancy shall take the place of the Representative unable to attend.

5. In the event of the required number of Clerical and Lay Representatives elected or appointed under the provisions of the foregoing sections being unable to attend the Archbishop-in-Council may fill up the required number by appointing as such Representatives any duly qualified Clerks or lay persons.

6. For the purposes of the Regulation of Elections Act 1980 and for the purposes of this Act the notice sent to members of Synod specifying the election of twenty Clerks in full orders and twenty adult Lay Communicants to be Representatives of the Diocese of Melbourne in the Provincial Council of Victoria shall be deemed to be notice specifying an election to be made under this Act and nominations for the election of which notice was so sent shall be deemed to be nominations for election to the Provincial Council under this Act and election to the Provincial Council shall proceed accordingly.

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