

# Channel Islands (Representation) Measure 1931

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A measure passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England. To provide for the representation of the Channel Islands in the House of Laity and in the Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Winchester. [8th July 1931]

Whereas the Channel Islands are perpetually annexed and united to the Diocese of Winchester and have no direct representation in the House of Laity or in the Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Winchester, and it is expedient that they should have such direct representation, and that the procedure for effecting the same should be adapted to the special conditions prevailing in those islands:

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

C1 Power to modify Act conferred by [Synodical Government Measure 1969 \(No. 2\), s. 9\(5\)](#)

## 1 Interpretation.

In this Measure—

The expression “the Islands” means (a) the Island of Jersey, and (b) the Island and Bailiwick of Guernsey and its dependencies; and references to each or either of the Islands shall be construed accordingly;

The expression “the Bishop” means the Bishop of Winchester for the time being;

The expression “the [<sup>F1</sup>Diocesan Synod]” means the [<sup>F1</sup>Diocesan Synod] of the Diocese of Winchester;

The expression “the [<sup>F2</sup>Deanery Synod]” means for each Island an assembly recognised by the Bishop as the [<sup>F2</sup>Deanery Synod] of that Island and consisting of clergy and lay persons of which persons some shall be lay representatives elected in accordance with this Measure; or, until such [<sup>F2</sup>Deanery Synod] has

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been constituted, the Assembly recognised by the Bishop as the [<sup>F2</sup>Deanery Synod] of that Island.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Synodical Government Measure 1969 \(No. 2\), s. 4\(7\)](#)  
**F2** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1970/1117](#)

## 2 Representation of the Channel Islands in the House of Laity.

Provided that a [<sup>F3</sup>Deanery Synod] is in being and the provisions of sections three, four and five of this Measure are complied with, each Island shall be entitled to have one representative in the House of Laity, and shall be a separate electoral area for that purpose.

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1970/1117](#)

## 3 †Duties of Decanal Conferences.

The [<sup>F4</sup>Deanery Synod] of each Island shall—

- (a) provide for the forming, keeping and revising of a church electoral roll for that Island and the election of lay members of the [<sup>F4</sup>Deanery Synod];
- (b) elect representatives both clerical and lay to the [<sup>F5</sup>Diocesan Synod] in accordance with directions given by that conference; and
- (c) elect, through its lay members, one member of the House of Laity.

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1970/1117](#)  
**F5** Words substituted by virtue of [Synodical Government Measure 1969 \(No. 2\), s. 4\(7\)](#)

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

- C2** † unreliable marginal note

## [<sup>F6</sup>4 Qualification of electors.

A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the church electoral roll of either Island, if he—

- (a) is baptised;
- (b) is a member of the Church of England or another Church of the Anglican Communion or an overseas Church in communion with the Church of England, and is not a member of any other religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England;
- (c) is of seventeen years or upwards;
- (d) is resident in the Island; and

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- (e) has signed the form of application for enrolment set out in the Schedule to this Measure.]

**Textual Amendments**

F6 S. 4 substituted by S.I. 1970/1117

**5 †Election of lay representatives on Decanal Conferences.**

Lay representatives on the [<sup>F7</sup>Deanery Synod] of each Island shall be elected annually, not later in the year than in Easter week or in the following week, by the persons whose names are entered upon the church electoral roll of that Island. The number of such representatives, the manner of their election, and the areas which they are to represent, shall be determined for each Island by the [<sup>F7</sup>Deanery Synod].

**Textual Amendments**

F7 Words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1970/1117

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

C3 † unreliable marginal note

**6 All lay representatives to be lay communicants.**

All lay representatives (whether in the House of Laity, or in the [<sup>F8</sup>Diocesan Synod], or in the [<sup>F9</sup>Deanery Synod]) shall be actual lay communicant members of the Church of England of [<sup>F10</sup>eighteen] years of age and upwards.

**Textual Amendments**

F8 Words substituted by virtue of Synodical Government Measure 1969 (No. 2), s. 4(7)

F9 Words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1970/1117

F10 Word substituted by S.I. 1970/1117

**7 †Power to Decanal Conferences to make rules.**

Subject to the provisions of this Measure, the [<sup>F11</sup>Deanery Synod] shall have power to make rules for giving effect to the purposes expressed in section three hereof and for settling its own procedure, and from time to time to vary or rescind the same, provided that such rules and any variation or rescission of the same shall require the approval of the Bishop, who shall have regard to the provisions of the Constitution of the [<sup>F12</sup>General Synod], including the rules for the representation of the laity; and shall take effect only from the date when such approval is given.

**Textual Amendments**

F11 Words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1970/1117

F12 Words substituted by virtue of Synodical Government Measure 1969 (No. 2), s. 4(7)

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**8 Short title.**

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## SCHEDULE

### [<sup>F13</sup> Application for Enrolment on Church Electoral Roll

**Textual Amendments**

**F13** Form substituted by [S.I. 1970/1117](#)

I (Full Christian name and surname )

of (Full postal address)

declare:—

- (ii) I am baptised.
- (ii) I am a member of the Church of England or I am a member of being a Church of the Anglican Communion or an overseas Church in communion with the Church of England.\*
- (iii) I am not a member of any other religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England.
- (iv) I have attained the age of seventeen years.
- (v) I am resident in the Island of
- (vi) My name is not on the Church electoral roll of any parish in the Diocese of Winchester.

I hereby apply to have my name entered on the Church electoral roll of the Island of

Signed

Date

\* Strike out whichever is not applicable.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F13** Form substituted by [S.I. 1970/1117](#)

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