

DIOCESE OF BENDIGO

A BILL FOR A MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS ACT 2017

1 This Act may be cited as the “Miscellaneous Amendments Act 2017”.

Bishopric Act 2013

2 Section 9.2 of the Bishopric Act 2013 is amended by replacing the words “resignation date” with the words “vacancy date”.

Professional Standards Uniform Act 2016

3 Section 14(2) of the Professional Standards Uniform Act 2016 (“the Uniform Act”) is amended by replacing the words “either subject to any condition or restriction or at all” with the words “or fit subject to any condition or restriction”.

4. In section 88 of the Uniform Act, delete “or” in line 1, and insert the words “or direction” after “recommendation”.

5. Schedule 1 of the Uniform Act is amended by replacing the words following the heading “Who is a Church worker?” with the words:

“Unless the context otherwise requires, the expression “**Church worker**” means a person who is or was at any relevant time—

(a) a prescribed Church worker or a Church volunteer; and

(b) resident in the Diocese or holding a licence or permission to officiate or other authority from a Church authority

and where the context so admits or requires

(c) includes a person who is deceased; but

(d) excludes the Diocesan Bishop and the Bishop of another diocese—

(i) to the extent necessary to preclude the making of a complaint under this Act against such an office holder or dealing with such a complaint under this Act, except to refer the same to a body with jurisdiction to receive and deal with that complaint;

(ii) for the purposes of Chapter 2; and

(iii) for the purposes of Part 4.1.”

Council of the Diocese Act 2016

6. Section 22.1 of the Council of the Diocese Act 2016 is deleted and replaced as follows:

“22.1 The Council shall have the power to assent by resolution to a General Synod bill complying with the procedure described in subsection 28A(2) and 28A(3) of the Constitution.”

Parish Appointments Act

7. Section 9 of the Parish Appointments Act is deleted and replaced as follows:

“9. (1) An annual parish meeting shall elect:

(a) three parochial members; and

(b) two supplementary parochial members

who shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be communicant parishioners of the parish.

(2) The term of a person appointed according to section 9(1) is for three years, ending at the third annual parish meeting after their election.

8. The amendment to section 9 of the Parish Appointments Act shall take effect at annual parish meetings occurring in 2018.

Synod Act

9. Section 11(d) of the Synod Act is repealed and replaced by the words:

“two representatives of each parish and authorized congregation elected or appointed in accordance with this Act; and”

General

10. The Acts listed in Schedule 1 are hereby repealed.
11. This Act commences on the date of assent.

SCHEDULE 1

Diocesan Constitution Alteration Act 1996

Long Service Leave Act 1971

Prayer Book for Australia Act 1996

St Luke's Family Care Foundation Act 1983

Superannuation Act 1973

Youth Council Act 1989