

**GENERAL SYNOD/TE HINOTA WHANUI AND INTER
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A STATUTE FOR REGULATING THE ELECTION OF CLERICAL AND LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL SYNOD/TE HINOTA WHANUI AND THE INTER DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nelson in Synod assembled and by authority of the same as follows: -

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The General Synod/te Hinota Whanui and Inter Diocesan Conference Representation Statute 2014".
2. The Clerical and Lay representatives shall be elected by the Clerical and Lay members of the Diocesan Synod at the time of the Annual Session immediately preceding the Biennial Session of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui: the Clerical members electing the Clerical representatives and the Lay members electing the Lay representatives.
3. Nominations for members of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui and Inter Diocesan Conference shall be made in the form in the schedule hereto.
4. (i) Nominations for General Synod/te Hinota Whanui and Inter Diocesan Conference Representatives shall close at 5pm

six weeks prior to the date fixed by the President for the commencement of Synod and notified to Synod members

(ii) Any member of Synod desirous of making a nomination shall do so in the form set out in the First Schedule hereto and deliver the same to the Diocesan Secretary's office by the close of nominations dead line.

(iii) Each nomination form should be accompanied by a brief biographic note focused on the nominees attributes for the position sort.

(iv) Upon receipt of any nomination the Diocesan Secretary shall forthwith cause such nomination to be published on the Diocesan website for the information of members of Synod.

5. No elector shall nominate more than the number of representatives required for his or her own Order.

6. So soon as the time for receiving nominations shall have expired the President shall as soon as practicable announce the number of nominations received of each Order.

7. If the number nominated of either Order shall not exceed the number required to be elected, the President shall forthwith declare the persons so nominated to be duly elected.

8. If the number nominated of either Order shall exceed the number required to be elected the President shall forthwith determine at what time such ballots as may be necessary to complete the election may take place and shall direct the necessary ballot papers to be prepared for the election.

9. Each elector present shall vote for the full number of representatives of his or her Order required when a ballot is taken.

10. Each ballot shall take place in the presence of the President of the Synod who shall appoint scrutineers and shall declare after each ballot the number of votes given for each candidate.

11. (1) No candidate shall be elected unless s/he shall have received a majority of the votes of the electors present of his/her Order.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) hereof the two Clerical members out of those nominated and the

three Lay members out of those nominated for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in their respective Orders shall be deemed to be and shall be declared to be elected.

(3) If by reason of an equality of votes between two or more of the candidates who shall have received a majority of the votes of the electors present of their Order it shall be impossible to decide which candidates have been elected then such lesser number for whom the greater number of votes shall have been given shall be deemed to be and shall be declared to be elected and a new ballot shall be taken among the candidates polling an equal number of votes to decide which of them shall be elected.

12. If a ballot by either Order shall not result in the election of the required number of members for that Order, the President shall strike out the names at the bottom of the poll, so as to leave not less than twice as many names as the number required to be elected, and the names so remaining shall be submitted for a further ballot

PROVIDED that the number of votes cast for the names so struck out shall not exceed half the number of the electors present, and that no name shall be struck out for which the number of votes cast shall be equal to those for any name still retained in the ballot.

13. In the event of a casual vacancy an election shall be held by members of the Standing Committee, of the same order, to fill the vacancy. The new member so elected shall hold office until the next biennial election.

14. Any question in connection with the election, which is not herein provided, shall be settled forthwith by the Synod.

15. In the event that any elected member of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui or Inter Diocesan Conference is prevented from attending any meeting of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui or Inter Diocesan Conference the members of Standing Committee of the same order may appoint an alternate representative of that order to attend that meeting of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui or Inter Diocesan Conference.

16. "The General Synod Representation Act 1938" is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

Form of Nomination of a Member of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui and Inter Diocesan Conference.

I hereby nominate to

be a(Clergy/Lay)..... Representative for this Diocese in

- (a) The General Synod/te Hinota Whanui, and
- (b) The Inter Diocesan Conference

I hereby certify that I have ascertained that the above-named is willing to accept

nomination as a

- (a) Member of the General Synod/te Hinota Whanui, and
- (b) Inter Diocesan Conference.

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Nominator

Date