

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At present, lay representatives who, during their membership of General Synod, become deacons serving in an internship, may retain their membership until the end of the triennium. This Bill (if passed) will provide that a lay person who becomes a deacon serving in an internship shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership of General Synod.

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BILL

To amend Chapter I of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is expedient that lay representatives who become deacons serving in an internship should not continue to hold their seats as members of General Synod;

AND WHEREAS to reflect this change it is necessary to amend Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Limerick in the year 2017 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute “Chapter I” means Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. For Section 7 of Chapter I there shall be substituted:

“ 7. Every lay person who, on 1st January preceding election, had attained the age of seventeen years and had not attained the age of seventy-four years, being a member of the Church of Ireland and a communicant of the said Church and not being a deacon serving in an internship, shall be qualified to be elected as a lay representative or supplemental lay representative for any diocese; provided that clergy residing in the diocese who are neither beneficed nor licensed shall be deemed to be lay persons for the purpose of this section and provided that a lay person who has become a deacon serving in an internship since election as a lay representative or supplemental lay representative for any diocese shall be deemed to have resigned from General Synod as a lay representative or supplemental lay representative for any diocese.”