

7
having been resident in the Parish for a period of not less than three months previous to the election, shall be qualified to vote for Lay Delegates on making and subscribing the Declaration hereinafter provided

IX.

That the Election of Lay Delegates shall be held annually.

X.

That the first Election under the provisions of this Constitution shall be held at such time and in such manner as this Conference shall appoint, but that all subsequent elections shall be held on Monday in Easter Week, or within twenty-one days thereafter, at a Meeting to be summoned by the Incumbent or Churchwardens, or either of them, and of which notice has been given at least eight days previously upon the door of the Church or place where service is usually held.

XI.

That in case of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any Parish by death, resignation, refusal to act, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled at a special Meeting called for the purpose according to the provisions of the preceding article.

XII.

That the Nomination of Delegates may be held in the place where the Annual Easter Meeting is usually held, but if a Poll is required it shall be held in some suitable place other than the Church, to be provided by the Churchwardens.

XIII.

That in case of a contested Election the voting shall be by Ballot, presided over by the Incumbent or some person chosen by the electors present from their own number.

XIV.

That the Lay Delegates shall be furnished with a Certificate (as hereinafter provided) of their due Election, signed by the person who presides, whose duty it shall also be to forward a copy of the Certificate to the Secretaries of the Synod.

XV.

That in the event of any person being elected to represent more than one Parish, he shall, on notification by the Secretaries of the Synod, declare in writing for which Parish he decides to vote, and the Secretaries shall notify the Incumbent and Church-