

not a clergyman, shall be entitled to vote at and may be elected by such meeting; and where the votes of two or more persons are equal, the chairman, if he be not a clergyman, may give a double vote, and if he be a clergyman, may give a casting vote for any such person.

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11. The chairman shall cause to be delivered to each person elected a certificate of his election, and shall sign the minutes of the meeting in token of their correctness; and unless he be the clergyman of the parish or district, shall forward them to such clergyman, together with all certificates, subscriptions, and lists, which had been laid before the said meeting, and a certificate of the names, callings, and addresses of the persons chosen; and the clergyman shall forward the said documents to the bishop to be laid before the assembly at the meeting thereof.

Certificate to be given, &c.

12. Each lay representative elected as aforesaid shall, before taking part or voting at such assembly, sign and deliver to the president thereof a declaration in the form following:

Declaration to be made.

"I, A. B., whose name is hereto subscribed, do declare that I am a communicant of the United Church of England and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination."

13. It shall be lawful for the first or any future assembly as aforesaid to make such regulations, acts, or resolutions as it may deem fit, for altering the constitution of such assembly with respect to the number, election, and qualification of the lay members thereof, the manner in which the votes of the clergy and laity may be taken, and the declarations to be signed by the electors or lay members as aforesaid (provided that every such lay member shall declare himself a communicant of such Church), and also for determining the mode in, and the conditions under which such advowson or right of patronage as aforesaid may be exercised, for the licensing of clergymen by the bishop, for the adjournment and prorogation of such assemblies, and the calling of future assemblies, and the mode of election of the lay members thereof, and every such assembly may repeal, alter, or vary such regulations, acts, or resolutions.

Assembly may make regulations, &c.

14. The provisions of this Act in relation to the first convening and holding an assembly in a diocese, and the election of the lay members thereof, shall remain in force and be acted on until the first or any other assembly shall otherwise provide; and in any case not provided for by this Act, or by the regulations for the time being of any assembly, the bishop of the diocese may regulate the convening of any assembly in such diocese, and the form and manner of all proceedings preparatory thereto.

Provision for cases not provided for in regulations, &c.

15. A copy of the regulations passed at the first assembly of any diocese to be called under this Act, and also of the rules framed for any such commission as aforesaid, and from time to time of any alterations of such regulations and rules, shall be sent by the bishop of such diocese, duly certified under his hand and seal, as testifying his assent thereto, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also to the metropolitan; and the said Archbishop may, within six months of his receipt thereof, submit the same, with such observations thereon as he may see fit to make, for the consideration of Her Majesty in Council; and Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, may allow or disallow the same, as to Her Majesty shall seem fit, and the regulations and rules so allowed, and a notification of such regulations and rules as may be disallowed, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Archbishop to the bishop transmitting the same, and shall by such bishop be published in his diocese.

Copy of regulations be transmitted to Archbishop.

16. Any regulation or rule disallowed by Her Majesty as aforesaid, after the notification of the disallowance thereof shall have been received by the bishop, shall cease to be in force; but any act, matter, or thing, done under or in accordance with such regulation or rule before such receipt of the notification of the disallowance thereof shall have the same validity and effect as if such regulation or rule had been allowed.

Provisional Acts valid.

17. So soon as a province shall have been constituted in Victoria, it shall be lawful for the metropolitan thereof from time to time to convene the bishops thereof, and to require them to convene the members of the several diocesan assemblies, or such representatives of the same as shall hereafter by any such provincial assemblies be determined, at such time and place as he may deem fit, to consider of and determine upon all such matters and things as may concern the affairs of the said church in Victoria; and the said metropolitan shall be the president of every such provincial assembly, and shall always preside therein personally, or by such bishop or bishops of his province as he may appoint his commissary or commissaries, under his hand and seal for that purpose. And the metropolitan and bishops attending such assembly shall sit and vote as one house, and the clergy and lay members shall sit and vote as another house, and no act or resolution shall be valid to which both houses have not assented; and on every division of the house of clergy and lay members, nothing shall be held to be carried by a majority of such house, but that to which a majority both of the clergy and of the laity, voting by dioceses, shall have assented; the vote of the majority of the clergy present and representing each diocese, being taken as the vote of the clergy of such diocese, and the vote of the majority of the laymen present, and representing the laity of each diocese, being taken as the vote of the laity of such diocese; and such provincial assembly may pass rules and regulations for the uniform conduct of and mode of proceeding in all diocesan assemblies, and all rules and regulations so passed shall be valid, subject to such alteration, allowance or disallowance as has been hereinbefore provided with regard to the regulations of diocesan assemblies.

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