

Title xxviii, Chapter 107, "Of the Church of England," or by any Acts of Assembly regulating the sale and disposal of Church or Glebe Lands of the Church of England in this Province.

2. For the purposes of this Act, the Laity shall meet by representation as shall from time to time be determined by the Synod, constituted as herein provided; and until otherwise determined as aforesaid, there shall be elected, at the annual Easter meeting in each Parish within this Diocese, held under the authority of Title xxviii, Chapter 107, of the Revised Statutes, or at meetings to be specially called for the purpose, by each Clergyman having a separate Cure of souls, one delegate or representative, but when the number of stated attendants in a Parish or Cure entitled to vote, shall exceed forty, such Parish or Cure shall elect two representatives, and in such case the Chairman of the meetings at which they were elected, shall certify that such Parish is entitled to elect two representatives; and all Laymen of the full age of twenty one years, being either pewholders or stated attendants of any Church or Chapel-of-Ease in such Parish, for six months next preceding the election, who shall declare themselves in writing at such meeting if required so to do by the Chairman thereof, to be members of the Church of England, and to belong to no other religious denomination, shall have the right to vote in the election of delegates or representatives at such meetings; and all delegates or representatives elected at such meetings, shall be communicants of the Church of England, and residents of the Parish for which they are elected, or stated attendants of some Church or Chapel-of-Ease within the same.

3. All elections of such representatives had at the annual Easter meeting in the present year, shall, so far as the same are in conformity to the provisions of this Act, be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been made after the passing of this Act; provided that in any case where representatives shall not have been so elected, special meetings may be called for the election of representatives under the provisions of this Act hereinbefore provided.

4. The first meeting to be held under this Act shall be called by the Bishop of the said Diocese, by notice to be published for four successive weeks in the Royal Gazette, and shall be held at such time and place as he shall think fit.

5. The Synod constituted as aforesaid, consisting of the Bishop, Clergy, and representatives of the Laity of the Church of England within this Province, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton," and shall have the general powers and privileges incident to a Corporation, as provided by the Revised Statutes, Title xxxi, Chapter 119, or any other Act of Assembly of this province, so far as the same are applicable to the objects and purposes of the said Synod.