

age of twenty-one years; provided also, that any person before being elected or voting shall, if required by any member of the Vestry, declare in writing at the meeting, in a book to be kept for that purpose, that he is a member of the Church of England and of no other religious body, and that he has held a pew or sitting in the Church of which the Vestry is held for six months previously, and that he has paid all arrears of rent or dues that have been rated or assessed by the Vestry on his pew or sitting, and that he has been an habitual attendant at Public Worship in the Church of which the Vestry meeting is held, for the space of six months previous to the meeting.

2. If a Church has been destroyed by fire or otherwise rendered unfit for the holding of Divine Service, and the congregation of such Church assemble for Worship in some temporary place, the Vestry of the said Church shall be constituted under the provision regulating the Vestries of Free Churches during such occupancy; provided that no change shall be made in the constitution of the Vestry, unless Divine Service in the said Church has been suspended for at least one year.

3. In any Church in which all the pews and sittings are free there shall be a Vestry for the purposes of this Canon, and the members thereof shall be of the full age of twenty-one years; and each such member shall declare himself in writing at the meeting, in a book to be kept for the purpose, to be a member of the Church of England and of no other religious body, and to be habitually attending Public Worship in the said Church of which the Vestry is held, for the space of six months previous to the meeting of the Vestry.

4. If a Congregation newly formed desires to organize a Vestry without delay, a meeting of the said Congregation shall be held for such purpose after notice thereof has been given during Divine Service on the previous Sunday; and the members of such Vestry shall consist of those who make the declaration required in the next preceding section as to age and Church membership, and also declare their intention to worship habitually in such Congregation. The Vestry so constituted shall be a lawful Vestry for all the purposes mentioned in this Canon for not longer than one year from the date of its formation.

5. At all Vestry meetings the Priest or Deacon in charge shall preside, and in his absence the Curate-Assistant, or in the absence of both, such member of the Vestry as the majority, duly qualified to vote and present at such Vestry meeting, name; and the Vestry Clerk, or in case there be no Vestry Clerk, then such person as the Chairman names shall be Secretary of such Vestry meeting; and the proceedings of such Vestry meeting shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose, and preserved in the custody of the Churchwardens.

6. An Annual Vestry meeting shall be held on Easter Monday, after notice thereof given during Divine Service on Easter Day, for the purpose