

III.

The lay representatives shall be elected every three years at a meeting to be summoned by the Minister in charge, or in case the church be vacant, or the Minister be absent or unable or refuse to summon such meeting, then by the Churchwardens or either of them; and such meeting shall be held in each parish or mission in Easter week, or within twenty-one days thereafter, and the representatives shall continue in office until others are elected: Provided, nevertheless, that if no election be held within the time aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for five qualified electors to call such meeting at such time and place as they think proper.

IV.

In case of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any parish or mission, by death, resignation, or refusal to act, and if any lay representative, elected as aforesaid, shall decline to serve as such, or shall at any time resign his office, signifying the same in writing to the Incumbent, or shall remove from the diocese, the said office shall in any such case become vacant, and the Incumbent or other person or persons, as in the previous article provided for, shall proceed to call a new election; moreover, should any lay representative secede from the Church, or wilfully abstain from the Holy Communion for the space of one whole year, or wilfully absent himself from public worship for a space of six months, or should he be convicted of any crime, he shall thereupon forfeit his said office, and the Incumbent or Minister of the parish or mission for which he was a lay representative shall in like manner proceed to call a new election, as in the previous article is provided for.

V.

The Minister shall preside at every such meeting, but if he be unable or refuse to preside, or if there be no Minister, the electors may appoint a Chairman and proceed to the election.

VI.

Public notice of every such meeting, whether ordinary or special, shall be given on two Sundays immediately preceding such meeting, and by notice affixed to the door of each church at least ten days before the day of such meeting, or by either of such modes, specifying the time and place of meeting.

VII.

All male persons of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, being accustomed members of that church within the district for which the election is held, shall be entitled to vote for lay representatives, pro-