

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Statutory Provision: Part VI of the Church Representation Rules made under the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (Schedule 3)

Under Rule 43: There shall be a right of appeal with regard to:

- (a) any enrolment, or refusal of enrolment, on the roll of a parish or the registers of lay or clerical electors;
- (b) the removal of any name, or the refusal to remove any name, from the roll of a parish or the registers of lay or clerical electors

and those with a right of appeal are: a person who is refused enrolment on the roll or register, a person whose name is removed from the roll or register, or any person whose name is on the roll or register and who wishes to object to the enrolment or removal of any other person's name on that roll or register.

Under Rule 44: There shall be a right of appeal with regard to:

- (a) the allowance or disallowance of any vote given or tendered in an election of a churchwarden or in an election under these Rules or to a body constituted under or in accordance with these Rules;
- (b) the result of any election of a churchwarden or of any election or choice held or made or purporting to be held or made under these Rules, or any election or choice of members of a body constituted under or in accordance with these Rules;

and those with a right of appeal are: an elector or candidate in the said election or the Chairman of the House of Laity or of the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod.

For appeals under either Rule, except in the case of an appeal concerning an election to the House of Laity of the General Synod, the appeal is to be referred to the Bishop's Council who shall appoint three or a greater number, being an odd number, of their lay or clerical members as the case may be to consider and decide the appeal.

Diocesan Provision: The Bishop's Council is to nominate five clergy and five lay people, being members of the Council, to consider and decide any appeal which may be made under the above Rules and who are known as the Electoral Commission.

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