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*Parishes and Provisional Districts, 1925.*

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and consolidate the Ordinances relating to Parishes and Mission Parochial and Provisional Districts.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules as follows:—

DEFINITION.

1. In this Ordinance "Archbishop" means the Archbishop of Sydney for the time being or a Commissary duly appointed by him or the Administrator of the Diocese as the case may be.

PROPOSALS.

2. Proposals for the formation of a new Parish may be made by the Archbishop in writing in such form as he may think fit or by Petition addressed to the Archbishop by the Minister of any Parish or Provisional District concerned in the formation or by the Churchwardens of any such Parish Mission or Provisional District or by twenty persons of whom at least one half shall be males resident in the proposed new Parish and of the age of twenty-one years and upwards and communicants of the Church of England.

CONTENTS OF PROPOSALS.

3. Every proposal for the formation of a new Parish shall contain:—

- (a) A statement setting out the provision proposed to be made for the stipend of its Minister and the Parochial expenses.
- (b) A statement setting out the particulars and value of the Church property in the proposed new Parish and the indebtedness if any on account of the same.
- (c) A statement setting out the estimated number of members of the Church of England resident within the proposed new Parish.

- (d) A plan showing the boundaries of the proposed new Parish the boundaries of the adjacent Parish or Parishes concerned in such formation and the positions of the existing Churches and of any sites proposed for new Churches within such proposed new Parish or such adjacent Parish or Parishes.
- (e) A written description of the area of the proposed new Parish

#### NOTICE TO PARTIES CONCERNED.

4. The Archbishop or the Petitioners as the case may be shall forward a copy of such proposal containing all the matters aforesaid to the Minister of each Parish or Provisional District concerned in such proposal.

#### REPORT FROM PARTIES CONCERNED.

5. Each Minister to whom the said notice is forwarded shall within one month after receiving such notice consult with the Churchwardens if any of such Parish or District and with the Parishioners at a Vestry Meeting to be summoned for the purpose in the manner provided by the "Sydney Church Ordinance 1912" or any Ordinance amending or taking the place of the same and shall report in writing to the Archbishop his and their reasons for or against such proposal.

#### REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

6. Upon the receipt of such Report or Reports and at least two calendar months before the next ensuing ordinary Session of Synod the Archbishop shall place before the Standing Committee of the Synod all the official documents in his possession relating to such proposal.

#### ALTERATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO PARTIES CONCERNED.

7. The Standing Committee may suggest alterations in such proposals and submit such alterations to the Petitioner or Petitioners and to the Minister of each Parish or Provisional District concerned in such proposal.

REPORT THEREON.

8. Each Minister to whom such alterations are submitted as aforesaid shall consult with the Churchwardens (if any) of his Parish or District and with the Petitioner or Petitioners and shall report to the Standing Committee in writing the reasons for or against the said alterations.

REPORT BY STANDING COMMITTEE TO SYNOD.

9. The Standing Committee after such enquiry and consideration as they may think necessary shall report to the Synod at its next ordinary Session their opinion as to the desirability or otherwise of the formation of the new Parish and shall cause to be laid upon the table all the official documents relating to such proposal.

ACTION BY SYNOD.

10. The Synod shall consider the proposals in Committee of the whole and the assent of the Synod having been obtained such new Parish shall thenceforth be recognised as duly formed and the said documents shall be preserved in the Diocesan Registry.

BOUNDARIES AND REVOCATION OF FORMATION.

11. If and when it shall be deemed expedient to define or alter the boundaries of any Parish or Parishes without forming a new Parish or to revoke the formation of a Parish the procedure hereinbefore provided for the case of the formation of a new Parish shall be followed *mutatis mutandis* and the assent of the Synod having been obtained such definition or alteration of boundaries or revocation of the formation of a Parish as the case may be shall forthwith take effect.

OMISSIONS OR IRREGULARITY IN PROCEDURE.

12. No omission and no irregularity in following the procedure or any part of the procedure hereinbefore provided shall prejudice the validity or effect of any assent obtained from Synod under this Ordinance.

## CERTAIN PAROCHIAL DISTRICTS TO BE PARISHES.

13. The existing Parochial Districts of the Diocese namely: Belmpre and Moorefields; Burwood East; Corrimal; Denham Court and Rossmore; Glenmore Road; Lawson with Hazelbrook cum Woodford and Linden; Mortdale and Peshurst cum Oatley and Peakhurst; Narrabeen and Pittwater; Sans Souci Langlea; Suspension Bridge; Watson's Bay; Woolwich, are hereby formed into Parishes to be known respectively as—St. Alban's Belmore with Moorefields; St. Peter's Burwood East; St. Alban's Corrimal; St. Mary's Denham Court and Rossmore; St. George's Glenmore Road; Emanuel Church Lawson with Hazelbrook cum Woodford and Linden; Mortdale and Peshurst cum Oatley and Peakhurst; St. Faith Narrabeen and St. John Baptist Pittwater; St. Andrew's Sans Souci-Langlea; All Saints' The Suspension Bridge; St. Peter's Watson's Bay; St. John's Woolwich; and having boundaries the same respectively as the boundaries of the relative Parochial Districts.

## SAVING CLAUSE.

14. Provided that nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the Archbishop from creating a Provisional District in any case of emergency for a period of two years. Provided that such Provisional District may be continued from time to time for such further period or periods, as may be prescribed in a Resolution or Resolutions of Synod, or when Synod is not in Session of the Standing Committee. In every case the Archbishop shall report in writing to the Standing Committee at its next ensuing meeting what has been done. Provided that the Minister officiating in a Provisional District shall be directly responsible to the Archbishop and shall not be or be deemed to be licensed to a separate cure of souls within the meaning of the Constitutions. And Provided also that the formation of a Provisional District whether already formed or hereafter to be formed shall not alter or be deemed to have altered the limits of any Parish in respect of the election of Synod Representatives.

## REPEAL.

15. The Parishes and Mission Districts Ordinance of 1902 and the Ordinance amending the same are hereby repealed but

such repeal shall not invalidate anything done under the said Ordinances or either of them and all de facto Parishes shall be deemed to have been validly formed and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable to them.

SHORT TITLE.

16. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance 1925."

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

HERBERT L. TRESS,  
Acting Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed this fifteenth day of October, 1925.

E. CLAYDON } Secretaries of  
F. A. BLAND } the Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

JOHN CHARLES SYDNEY.

23rd October, 1925.