



Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963

1963 No. 1

A Measure passed by The National Assembly of the Church of England to reform and reconstruct the system of ecclesiastical courts of the Church of England, to replace with new provisions the existing enactments relating to ecclesiastical discipline, to abolish certain obsolete jurisdictions and fees, and for purposes connected therewith. [31st July 1963]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Power exercisable under this Measure by Convocations of Canterbury and York and the Houses thereof continued by [Synodical Government Measure 1969 \(No. 2\) s. 3\(6\)](#)
- C2 Measure extended by [Pastoral Measure 1983 \(No. 1, SIF 21:4\), s. 20\(9\)](#)
Measure extended (*prosp.*) by [1993 Measure No. 2, ss. 5, 12\(2\)](#)
- C3 Measure applied (1.7.2012) by [Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 \(No. 3\), ss. 34\(9\), 112\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 100, 105\(4\), 107, 108\(6\), Schs. 8](#)); [S.I. 2012/1, art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- I1 Measure not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 88\(1\)](#); Measure wholly in force at 1.3.1965

PART I

THE ECCLESIASTICAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The Courts

1 The ecclesiastical courts.

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^{F1}(2)

(3) For both of [^{F2}the provinces of Canterbury and York] —

^{F3}(a)

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- F4(b)
- (c) there may, in accordance with the provisions in that behalf of this Measure, be appointed by Her Majesty commissioners who shall have such jurisdiction as is conferred on them by this Measure with respect to the review of findings F5 ... of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved; and
- F6(d)

Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 1(1)(2) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(2), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F2 Words in s. 1(3) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(3)(a) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F3 S. 1(3)(a) repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), Sch. 2 (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops; S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F4 S. 1(3)(b) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(3)(b), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F5 Words in s. 1(3)(c) repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), Sch. 2 (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops; S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F6 S. 1(3)(d) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(3)(b), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

The Judges of the Courts constituted by this Measure

F72 Judge of consistory court.

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Textual Amendments

- F7 S. 2 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 4, Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F82A Number of chancellorships to be held by one person may be limited.

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Textual Amendments

- F8 S. 2A repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 5, Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

3 Judges of the Arches and Chancery Courts.

- (1) The judges of the Arches Court of Canterbury and the Chancery Court of York respectively [F9 for the purposes of proceedings on an appeal under section 20 of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003] shall be [F10 as set out in subsection (2) of this section], but proceedings which, by virtue of the following provisions of this Measure,

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are cognisable by either of those Courts shall be heard and disposed of by such of the judges thereof as may be determined in accordance with those provisions.

(2) Of the judges of each of the said Courts—

- ^{F11}(a) one shall be the Dean of the Arches and Auditor;
- (b) four shall be appointed in accordance with section 20(2) and (3) of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.]

^{F12}(d)

^{F13}(3)

^{F14}(4)

^{F13}(5)

^{F13}(6)

(7) [^{F15}A person appointed under paragraph [^{F16}(b)] of subsection (2) of this section] to hold the office of judge of either of the said Courts shall, before he enters on the execution of his office,—

- (a) take ^{F17}... [^{F18}the oaths set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to this Measure] either before the archbishop of the relevant province and in the presence of the registrar of that province or in open court in the presence of that registrar; . . .

(b) . . . ^{F20}

(8) A provincial registrar shall record the taking ^{F19}... ^{F21}..., of an oath ^{F19}... in his presence in pursuance of [^{F22}subsection (7)].

Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in s. 3(1) inserted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(2)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F10** Words in s. 3(1) substituted (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 8(1), **Sch. 4 para. 3(a)** (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F11** S. 3(2)(a)(b) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(3)(a)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F12** S. 3(2)(d) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(3)(b)**, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F13** S. 3(3)-(6) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(4)**, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F14** S. 3(4) repealed (1.2.2014) by Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013 (No. 2), **ss. 9(4)**, 10(2); S.I. 2014/1, art. 2
- F15** Words in s. 3(7) substituted (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 8(1), **Sch. 4 para. 3(f)** (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F16** Word in s. 3(7) substituted (1.2.2014) by Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013 (No. 2), **ss. 9(6)**, 10(2); S.I. 2014/1, art. 2
- F17** Words in s. 3(6)(7) repealed (1.9.1995) by 1995 No. 2, **s. 9(b)(i)**; Instrument dated 26.7.1995 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F18** Words in s. 3(7)(a) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(5)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F19** Words repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), **Sch. 2**

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- F20** S. 3(6)(b)(7)(b) repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), **Sch. 2**
- F21** Words in 3(8) repealed (1.9.1995) by 1995 No. 2, **s. 9(b)(ii)**; Instrument dated 26.7.1995 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F22** Words in s. 3(8) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(6)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F23 **4 Appointment of deputy judges.**

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Textual Amendments

- F23** S. 4 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 7, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F24 **5 Judges of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.**

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Textual Amendments

- F24** S. 5 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 8, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Jurisdiction of the Courts

F25 **6 Jurisdiction of the consistory court.**

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Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 6 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 9, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

7 Jurisdiction of Arches and Chancery Courts.

F26(1)

[**F27**(1A) [**F28**The Arches Court of Canterbury and the Chancery Court of York shall each] have jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders or decrees of the Vicar-General's court of the province of Canterbury or York [**F29**(**F30** ... as constituted in accordance with the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003)], as the case may be.]

[**F31**(1B) Each of the said Courts shall also have jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders or decrees of disciplinary tribunals within the provinces for which they are constituted respectively.]

(2) An appeal which, by virtue of this section, either of the said Courts has jurisdiction to entertain lies—

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[^{F32}(a) ^{F33}... [^{F34}with the leave of the court in accordance with section 20(1A) and (1B) of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003,] at the instance of any party to the proceedings on a question of law and the defendant on a question of fact;]

^{F35}(b)

(3) Appeals under this section shall be lodged and conducted in such manner as may be prescribed.

[^{F36}(3A) For provision as to how a decision of either of those Courts in the exercise of its jurisdiction under this section is to be treated in the province of the other Court, see section 14A of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.]

^{F37}(4)

^{F37}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F26** S. 7(1) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(2), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F27** S. 7(1A) inserted (1.10.1994) by 1994 No. 2, s. 8, **Sch. para. 2(a)**; Instrument dated 25.7.1994 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F28** Words in s. 7(1A) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 10(3)(a)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F29** Words in s. 7(1A) inserted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F30** Words in s. 7(1A) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(3)(b), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F31** S. 7(1B) inserted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 4(b)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F32** Words in s. 7(2) substituted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 4(c)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F33** Words in s. 7(2)(a) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(a), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F34** Words in s. 7(2)(a) inserted (1.2.2014) by Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013 (No. 2), **ss. 9(7), 10(2)**; S.I. 2014/1, art. 2
- F35** S. 7(2)(b) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(b), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F36** S. 7(3A) inserted (1.3.2019) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2018 (No. 7), **ss. 7(2), 17(3)** (with s. 7(3)); S.I. 2019/67, art. 2(1)(f)
- F37** S. 7(4)(5) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(c), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

^{F38}8 Appellate jurisdiction of Her Majesty in Council.

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Textual Amendments

- F38** S. 8 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 11, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

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F39 **Jurisdiction of commissions of convocation.**

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Textual Amendments
F39 S. 9 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

10 **Jurisdiction of Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved.**

^{F40}(A1)

- (1) The Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved has original jurisdiction to hear and determine—
 - (a) proceedings upon articles charging an offence against the laws ecclesiastical involving matter of doctrine ritual or ceremonial committed by—
 - (i) a priest or deacon who when the offence was alleged to have been committed or when the proceedings were instituted, held preferment in a diocese or resided therein;
 - (ii) an archbishop or a bishop who, at one of those times, was a diocesan or a suffragan commissioned by a diocesan or (not being either a diocesan or a suffragan) held preferment in a diocese or resided therein

^{F41}(b)
^{F42} ...

- ^{F43}(2)
- ^{F43}(3)
- ^{F43}(4)
- ^{F43}(5)
- ^{F43}(6)

Textual Amendments
F40 S. 10(A1) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1](#) para. 12, [Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
F41 S. 10(1)(b) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1](#) para. 12, [Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
F42 Words in s. 10(1) omitted (1.4.2015) by virtue of [Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) Measure 2015 \(No. 1\)](#), [ss. 7\(5\)](#), 11(2); S.I. 2015/593, art. 2 (with Sch. para. 4)
F43 S. 10(2)-(6) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1](#) para. 12, [Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

11 **[^{F44}Jurisdiction of Her Majesty to review findings of Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved]**

^{F45}(1)

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- (2) A petition addressed to Her Majesty praying that she will be pleased to cause a finding of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved to be reviewed may be lodged with the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery—
 - (a) in a case where the finding of the Court was in exercise of the jurisdiction it has by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the last foregoing section, by any party to the proceedings on a question of law and the defendant on a question of fact;
 - ^{F46}(b)
- (3) Any such petition must be in the prescribed form and must be lodged as aforesaid within the prescribed period after the finding to which it relates.
- (4) Upon a petition being duly lodged under this section, a commission shall be directed under the Great Seal to such five persons as Her Majesty may be pleased to nominate, of whom three shall be [^{F47}judges of the Supreme Court, or members of the supplementary panel under section 39 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005,] who make a declaration that they are communicants and two shall be lords spiritual sitting as Lords of Parliament, to review the finding to which the petition relates.
- (5) A commission appointed under this section shall be called a Commission of Review.

Textual Amendments

- F44** S. 11 title substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 13** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F45** S. 11(1) repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F46** S. 11(2)(b) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 13**, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F47** Words in s. 11 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 148(1), **Sch. 17 para. 16(2)**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(e)

Miscellaneous Provisions relating to the Courts and the Judges

[^{F48}12 Disciplinary tribunals to be unaffected by vacation of see

- (1) The vacation of the see of Canterbury or York or of the bishop of any other diocese shall not render a disciplinary tribunal unable to exercise its jurisdiction, and no such vacancy shall affect the discharge by the members or officers of such a tribunal of their functions.
- (2) For provision as to the Arches Court of Canterbury, the Chancery Court of York and the Vicar-General's court of each province where there is a vacation of see as mentioned in subsection (1), see section 22 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.]

Textual Amendments

- F48** S. 12 substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 14** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

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^{F49}13 Certain judges to be ex officio officials principal.

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Textual Amendments

F49 S. 13 repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 15, [Sch. 5](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

PART II

OFFENCES COGNISABLE UNDER THE MEASURE AND
 PROVISIONS AS TO PERSONS CHARGEABLE THEREWITH

14 Offences under the Measure.

- (1) Proceedings may be instituted under this Measure against any of the persons specified in section seventeen thereof charging—
- (a) an offence against the laws ecclesiastical involving matters of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial;
- ^{F50}(b)
- (2) The repeal by this Measure of any statutory provision under which proceedings could have been taken for an offence against the law ecclesiastical shall not prevent the taking of any proceedings under this Measure in respect of any such offence.

Textual Amendments

F50 Words in s. 14(1) from "(b)" to the end of the subsection repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

15 Place where offence committed.

Proceedings under this Measure for an offence involving matters of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial shall only be instituted if the offence was committed within the province of Canterbury or York,^{F51} ...

Textual Amendments

F51 Words in s. 15 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

16 Limitation of time for institution of proceedings under the Measure.

No proceedings under this Measure shall be instituted unless the act or omission constituting the offence, or the last of them if the offence consists of a series of acts or omissions, occurred within the period of three years ending with the day on which proceedings are instituted:

^{F52} ...

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Textual Amendments

F52 Words in s. 16 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

17 Persons against whom proceedings may be instituted.

Proceedings under this Measure may be instituted against an archbishop, any diocesan bishop or any suffragan bishop commissioned by a diocesan bishop or any other bishop or a priest or deacon who, when the offence was alleged to have been committed or when the proceedings are instituted, held or holds preferment in any diocese or resided or resides therein as the case may be.

PART III

INSTITUTION OF PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT OF OFFENCES UNDER THE MEASURE

18 Mode of instituting proceedings.

- (1) Proceedings charging an offence under this Measure shall be instituted in the case of an archbishop or a bishop by way of complaint laid before the registrar of the relevant province and in the case of a priest or deacon by way of complaint laid before the registrar of any diocese in which the accused held or holds preferment or in which he resided or resides at the date when the alleged offence was committed or at the date of such complaint.
- (2) A complaint laid in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subsection shall be in writing in the prescribed form, contain the prescribed particulars of the offence the commission of which is alleged therein and be verified on oath.
- (3) A copy of the complaint duly laid and verified shall be served on the accused forthwith after it is laid.

19 Persons by whom proceedings against a priest or deacon may be instituted.

Proceedings against a priest or deacon may be instituted by the following persons, that is to say:—

- (a) in all cases by an authorised complainant; or
- (b) in the case of any priest or deacon who is an incumbent of a parochial benefice, a stipendiary curate licensed to a benefice or a curate in charge of a conventional district, by six or more persons of full age whose names are on the electoral roll either of the parish of that benefice or of the district as the case may be; or
- (c) in the case of a stipendiary curate licensed to a benefice, by the incumbent of that benefice.

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20 Persons by whom proceedings against an archbishop or bishop may be instituted.

Proceedings against an archbishop or a bishop may be instituted by the following persons, that is to say:—

- (a) in the case of an archbishop:—
 - (i) save in respect of any act or omission in relation to his duties as diocesan by not less than two of his comprovincial diocesan bishops; or
 - (ii) save in respect of any act or omission in relation to his duties as metropolitan by not less than ten persons of whom not less than five are incumbents in the diocese of the accused and not less than five are lay members of the [^{F53}diocesan synod] of such diocese; or
- (b) in the case of a diocesan bishop other than an archbishop:—
 - (i) by an authorised complainant; or
 - (ii) by not less than ten persons of whom not less than five are incumbents in the diocese of the accused and not less than five are lay members of the [^{F53}diocesan synod] of such diocese; or
- (c) in the case of a suffragan bishop:—
 - (i) by the bishop who commissioned him; or
 - (ii) by an authorised complainant; or
 - (iii) by not less than ten persons of whom not less than five are incumbents in the diocese of the bishop by whom the accused is commissioned and not less than five are lay members of the [^{F53}diocesan synod] of such diocese; or
 - (iv) if he is the incumbent of a parochial benefice by six or more persons of full age whose names are on the electoral roll of that parish; or
- (d) in the case of any other bishop:—
 - (i) by the bishop of the diocese in which the accused holds preferment or resides; or
 - (ii) by an authorised complainant; or
 - (iii) if he is the incumbent of a parochial benefice by six or more persons of full age whose names are on the electoral roll of that parish.

Textual Amendments

F53 Words substituted by virtue of [Synodical Government Measure 1969 \(No. 2\), s. 4\(7\)](#)

21 Supplementary provisions in special cases.

- (1) For the purposes of the last two preceding sections of this Measure:—
- (a) where a bishop, priest or deacon is an incumbent of or licensed to more than one parochial benefice or a parochial benefice which comprises more than one parish, each of the six or more persons empowered to institute proceedings under paragraph (b) of section nineteen or subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (c) and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (d) of section twenty of this Measure may be on the electoral roll of any of the parishes comprised in those benefices or that benefice; and

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(b) a church designated and established as a guild church under the ^{M1}City of London (Guild Churches) Acts 1952 and ^{M2}1960 shall be deemed to be a parochial benefice and, accordingly, references in the said sections to the incumbent of a parochial benefice, to the electoral roll of a parish and to a stipendiary curate licensed to a benefice (whether parochial or not) shall, in the case of a guild church, be construed as references to the vicar of such church, to the church electoral roll thereof and to a curate licensed to assist the vicar thereof respectively.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (a) of the foregoing subsection shall apply in any case where a bishop or priest, as well as being licensed to a benefice, is licensed also to a conventional district, or to any such person as is licensed to more than one conventional district.

Marginal Citations

M1 1952 c. xxxviii.

M2 1960 c. xxx.

F54 PART IV

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PRIESTS OR DEACONS FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE MEASURE NOT INVOLVING MATTER OF DOCTRINE, RITUAL OR CEREMONIAL.

Textual Amendments

F54 Pt. 4 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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31 Power of diocesan to pronounce sentence by consent.

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^{F55}PART V

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BISHOPS FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE
MEASURE NOT INVOLVING MATTER OF DOCTRINE, RITUAL OR CEREMONIAL

Textual Amendments

F55 Pt. 5 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

Scope of Part V

32 Scope of Part V.

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Procedure under Part V after Laying of Complaint

33 Inquiry into complaint by episcopal committee.

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34 Contents of articles.

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35 Appointment of commission of convocation.

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36 Conduct of trial by commission of convocation.

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37 Proceedings in Upper House of Convocation upon finding of commission of convocation.

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PART VI

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DEACONS, PRIESTS OR BISHOPS FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE MEASURE INVOLVING MATTER OF DOCTRINE, RITUAL OR CEREMONIAL

Scope of Part VI

38 Scope of Part VI.

The provisions of this Part of this Measure shall have effect for the purpose of regulating proceedings against a deacon, priest, bishop or archbishop against whom a complaint has been laid in accordance with the provisions of Part III of this Measure alleging the commission of an offence against the laws ecclesiastical involving matter of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial.

Procedure under Part VI after Laying of Complaint

39 Duty of diocesan upon the making of a complaint against a deacon or priest.

(1) Upon a complaint under this Part of this Measure against a priest or deacon being duly laid and verified the bishop of the diocese before whose registrar it is laid shall take it into consideration and as soon as may be after a copy thereof has been served on the accused, shall afford to the accused and the complainant an opportunity of being interviewed in private by him either separately or together as the bishop thinks fit with respect to the matter of the complaint, and thereafter shall either:—

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- (a) decide that no further step be taken under this Part of this Measure in the matter of the complaint; or
 - (b) refer the complaint for inquiry under the following provisions of this Part of this Measure.
- (2) Where, in pursuance of the foregoing subsection, the bishop decides that no further step be taken in the matter of the complaint he shall forthwith give notice of his decision to the complainant and to the accused and thereafter no further action shall be taken by any person in regard thereto.

40 Duty of archbishop upon the making of a complaint against a bishop.

Upon a complaint under this Part of this Measure against a bishop being laid and verified the archbishop of the relevant province shall have the same powers and duties in relation thereto as are conferred and imposed upon a diocesan bishop by the last preceding section in regard to a complaint against a priest or deacon and, according to his decision, the like consequences shall ensue as are referred to in such section.

41 Complaint against an archbishop to stand referred for inquiry.

A complaint against an archbishop of the nature referred to in section thirty-eight of this Measure duly laid and verified under this Part of this Measure shall thereupon stand referred for inquiry under the following provisions of this Part of this Measure.

42 Inquiry into complaint by committee of convocation.

- (1) Where, by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Measure, a complaint is referred, or stands referred, for inquiry, the following provisions shall have effect.
- (2) The reference shall be to a committee whose duty it shall be to inquire into the complaint for the purpose of deciding whether there is a case to answer in respect of which the accused should be put on trial upon articles by the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved, for any offence under this Measure involving matter of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial.
- (3) The committee shall—
 - (a) where the accused is a priest or deacon, consist of—
 - (i) one member of the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province, appointed by the archbishop;
 - (ii) two members of the Lower House of that Convocation, appointed by the prolocutor of that House; and
 - (iii) two chancellors of dioceses in that province, appointed by the Dean of the Arches and Auditor:
 - (b) where the accused is an archbishop or a bishop, consist of—
 - (i) such even number of persons, to be appointed by the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province, as that House shall determine; and
 - (ii) the Dean of the Arches and Auditor or a deputy who is nominated by him and who shall make a declaration that he is a communicant being a person holding or having held high judicial office, or a ^{F56}person who has a 10 year High Court qualification, within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990,];

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and the determination of any matter before the committee shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the members thereof.

- (4) Either the accused or the complainant may, if he so desires, be assisted or represented by a friend or adviser at any meeting of such a committee at which he is invited to be present.
- (5) The complainant and the accused may lay before the committee such evidence as they shall think fit and such evidence shall be given by affidavit but the committee shall on the application of either party and may on its own motion request the person making such affidavit to attend the inquiry for the purpose of answering such questions on oath as may be put to him by the committee or by or on behalf of any party, and unless such person shall attend the inquiry for that purpose his affidavit shall be disregarded: Provided that the evidence of any person who is incapable of giving evidence on oath shall be given orally at the inquiry.
- (6) If the committee, after making due inquiry into the complaint, decide that there is a case for the accused to answer in respect of which he should be put on trial upon articles by the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved for any such offence as aforesaid, they shall declare their decision, specifying the offence.
- (7) Where the committee decide as mentioned in the last foregoing subsection, but are of opinion on consideration of the evidence, of any statement made to them by the accused and of any representations made to them by the bishop of the diocese where the accused is a deacon or a priest—
 - (a) that the offence charged by the complaint is too trivial to warrant further proceedings thereon; or
 - (b) that the offence was committed upon extenuating circumstances; or
 - (c) that further proceedings on the complaint would not be in the interests of the Church of England;
 they may dismiss the complaint and report to the Convocation of the relevant province that they have dismissed it and the ground on which they have taken that course.
- (8) If the committee, after making due inquiry into the complaint, decide that there is no case for the accused to answer, they shall declare their decision.
- (9) The committee shall reduce their decision, or decisions, to writing and shall send a copy thereof to the accused and to the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province and in the case of an accused archbishop, to the archbishop of the other province.
- (10) Where the committee dismiss a complaint and report their dismissal of it under subsection (7) of this section or declare that there is no case for the accused to answer under subsection (8) of this section, no further step shall be taken in the matter of the complaint.

Textual Amendments

F56 Words substituted by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 37\)](#), s. 71(2), [Sch. 10 para. 18\(1\)](#)

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43 Appointment, of person to promote complaint.

Where a committee inquiring into a complaint declare, in pursuance of subsection (6) of the last foregoing section, their decision that there is a case for the accused to answer and do not dismiss the same under subsection (7) of that section, the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province shall nominate a fit person to promote a complaint against the accused in the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved:

Provided that when the accused is an archbishop the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province shall for this purpose meet under the presidency of the senior diocesan bishop of that province and the accused archbishop shall take no part in the proceedings of the said meeting.

44 Contents of articles.

Where a person is prosecuted by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Measure, the articles may with the leave of the committee who inquired into the complaint or of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved include, either in substitution for or in addition to, particulars of the offence or offences specified by that committee, particulars of any other offence founded on evidence disclosed in the course of the committee's inquiry, being particulars of an offence involving matter of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial.

45 Conduct of trial under Part VI.

- (1) The following provisions shall have effect with respect to the trial of a person by the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved under this Part of this Measure, namely:—
- (a) the procedure at the trial shall, so far as circumstances admit and subject to any rules which may be prescribed, be the same as at the trial of a person by a court of assize exercising criminal jurisdiction;
 - (b) the accused shall be entitled to be supplied with a copy of the articles;
 - (c) the rules as to the admissibility of evidence and as to whether a witness is competent or compellable to give evidence shall be the same as those observed at the trial of a person by such a court of assize;
 - (d) the registrar before whom the complaint was laid shall give not less than fourteen clear days' notice of the sittings of the court to the promoter thereof and to the accused and at any sitting the court may proceed in the absence of the accused if satisfied that he was given proper notice of the sitting;
 - (e) the court, if satisfied that it is in the interests of justice so to do, may give directions that during any part of the proceedings such person or persons as the court may determine shall be excluded;
 - (f) the determination of any matter before the court shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the members thereof;
 - (g) if the accused shall be found guilty of an offence charged, the court shall decide such censure therefor as is warranted by the following provisions of this Measure;
 - (h) the censure shall be reduced to writing by the court, shall be pronounced in open court by the person presiding over the court and shall not be invalid by reason only that it is not pronounced in the presence of the accused.
- (2) For the purposes of this section it shall be the duty of the Upper Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York jointly to draw up, with the approval of the Lower Houses of those Convocations, and from time to time to revise, with the like

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approval, a panel of persons each of whom shall be an eminent theologian or an eminent liturgologist, and the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved shall, when trying a person sit with not less than three nor more than five advisers selected by the Dean of the Arches and Auditor from amongst the members of the panel.

- (3) In the exercise of its jurisdiction under this Measure the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved shall not be bound by any decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in relation to matter of doctrine ritual or ceremonial.

PART VII

OTHER PROCEEDINGS

^{F57} 46 Proceedings in consistory court not falling within Part IV.

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Textual Amendments

- F57** S. 46 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 16, Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

47 Proceedings in Arches and Chancery Courts.

[^{F58}(1) Proceedings in the Arches Court of Canterbury or the Chancery Court of York [^{F59}under this Measure shall be heard and disposed of] by the Dean of the Arches and Auditor and two diocesan chancellors designated by him for the purposes of the case.]

[^{F60}(1A) The Dean of the Arches and Auditor sitting alone in either of the said Courts has jurisdiction to make interlocutory orders^{F61}... .]

- (2) [^{F62}Proceedings under this Measure] in the said Court shall be instituted and conducted in such manner as may be prescribed.

Textual Amendments

- F58** S. 47(1) substituted (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 8(1), Sch. 4, para. 8(1) (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F59** Words in s. 47(1) substituted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), Sch. 1 para. 6(a) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F60** S. 47(1A) inserted (1.4.2015) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure 2015 (No. 1), ss. 10, 11(2); S.I. 2015/593, art. 2
- F61** Words in s. 47(1A) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 17, Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F62** Words in s. 47(2) substituted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), Sch. 1 para. 6(b) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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48 Proceedings before Commissions of Review.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section all proceedings before a Commission of Review [^{F63}exercising jurisdiction under this Measure] shall be instituted and conducted in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (2) In order to give assistance to any Commission of Review in reviewing [^{F64}under this Measure] any decision of the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved involving a question of doctrine the Upper Houses of the Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and of York shall jointly appoint a panel of persons consisting of members of either of the Upper Houses and also if thought fit of theologians who are not members of either of the Upper Houses in such numbers as the Upper Houses may jointly determine.
- (3) When any review by a Commission of Review [^{F65}under this Measure] involves a question of doctrine the Commission shall request five persons selected by it from the panel appointed under subsection (2) of this section to sit with it as advisers and to give such assistance on the matters of doctrine involved in the review as the Commission may require.
- (4) The judgment of the Commission shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the members thereof and each member of the Commission shall state his own opinion on the question under review.
- (5) In the exercise of its jurisdiction under this Measure a Commission of Review shall not be bound by any decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in relation to matter of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial.
- (6) A decision of a previous Commission of Review [^{F66}under this Measure or the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018] shall be binding on a Commission subsequently appointed [^{F67}under this Measure] in any matter which shall, by virtue of this Measure, be within the jurisdiction of such Commission except in regard to a matter on which new information or evidence is adduced which was not before the Commission on the previous occasion.

Textual Amendments

- F63** Words in s. 48(1) inserted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(2\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F64** Words in s. 48(2) inserted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F65** Words in s. 48(3) inserted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(4\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F66** Words in s. 48(6) inserted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F67** Words in s. 48(6) inserted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(5\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

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PART VIII

CENSURES

49 Censures.

- (1) The censures to which a person found guilty of an offence under this Measure renders himself liable are the following, namely,—
 - (a) deprivation, that is to say, removal from any preferment which he then holds and disqualification from holding any other preferment except as hereinafter provided, and if he holds no preferment at the time the censure is pronounced, disqualification from holding any preferment in the future except as hereinafter provided;
 - (b) inhibition, that is to say, disqualification for a specified time from exercising any of the functions of his Order;
 - (c) suspension, that is to say, disqualification for a specified time from exercising or performing without leave of the bishop any right or duty of or incidental to his preferment or from residing in the house of residence of his preferment or within such distance thereof as shall be specified in the censure;
 - (d) monition that is to say an order to do or refrain from doing a specified act;
 - (e) rebuke.
- (2) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced against any person, he shall not be readmitted to his benefice or permitted to exercise the functions of his order unless he satisfies the bishop (or, where the person is himself a bishop, the Upper House of the Convocation of the relevant province) of his good conduct during the term of his suspension or inhibition.
- (3) [^{F68} In proceedings under this Measure] no censure more severe than monition shall be imposed unless the Court is satisfied that the accused has already been admonished on a previous occasion in respect of another offence of the same or substantially the same nature.
- (4) No censure of deprivation on any archbishop or bishop or on any person in respect of any preferment the right to appoint to which is vested in Her Majesty (not being a parochial benefice) shall have effect unless and until Her Majesty by order in Council shall confirm the same.
- (5) Where by virtue of any censure of deprivation a bishop, priest or deacon is disqualified from holding any preferment, the disqualification shall not extend to a preferment to which the bishop of a diocese, with the consent of the archbishop of the relevant province and in the case of a priest or deacon of the bishop of the diocese in which the proceedings were instituted, shall appoint him, and shall cease upon the occasion of any such appointment if the archbishop when consenting thereto shall so direct.
- (6) Not more than one censure shall be imposed in respect of any one offence save that when a censure of suspension is pronounced a censure of inhibition may be pronounced for the same period.

Textual Amendments

F68 Words in s. 49(3) substituted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 7](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

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50 Power of bishop to depose priest or deacon from Holy Orders.

When a censure of deprivation is pronounced [^{F69}in pursuance of proceedings under this Measure] on any priest or deacon the bishop of the diocese may by sentence without any further legal proceedings depose him from Holy Orders and the sentence of deposition shall be recorded in the registry of the diocese:

Provided that before deposing him from Holy Orders the bishop shall serve on the priest or deacon concerned and on the provincial registrar of the relevant province a written notice in the prescribed form of his intention so to depose him and within the period of one month from the date of such notice the said priest or deacon may appeal to the archbishop of the relevant province or, if the diocesan be the archbishop, to the archbishop of the other province in such manner as may be prescribed and the diocesan shall not proceed so to depose him until the time for the making of such appeal has passed or, in the event of an appeal being made, unless or until it shall have been dismissed.

Textual Amendments

F69 Words in s. 50 inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 8](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

51 Power to depose archbishop or bishop from Holy Orders.

Where a censure of deprivation is pronounced in pursuance of proceedings under this Measure on an archbishop or bishop the Upper House of Convocation of the relevant province may by resolution depose him from Holy Orders:

Provided that before any motion for such a resolution is put to the Upper House a notice in the prescribed form shall be served on the archbishop or bishop concerned and the House shall consider any written representations made to it by such archbishop or bishop within one month of the service of such notice and afford him an opportunity of being heard before it personally.

52 Effect of deposition.

When a person is deposed [^{F70}under this Measure] from Holy Orders the like consequences shall ensue as by paragraph (3) of section four of the ^{M3}Clerical Disabilities Act 1870 would ensue, if, more than six months before the day on which such disqualification takes effect, he had executed a deed of relinquishment in the form set out in the Second Schedule to that Act and done the things prescribed by section three thereof and the bishop had on that day caused the deed to be registered in the registry of his diocese.

Textual Amendments

F70 Words in s. 52 inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 9](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

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M3 1870 c. 91.

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53 Restoration on pardon.

Where by virtue of anything done under this Measure an archbishop, bishop or other clergyman is deprived or deposed his incapacities shall cease if he receives a free pardon from the Crown, and he shall be restored to any preferment he previously held if it has not in the meantime been filled.

F71 54 Disobedience to censure.

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Textual Amendments

F71 S. 54 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

F72 PART IX

DEPRIVATION CONSEQUENT UPON CERTAIN JUDGMENTS,
ORDERS OR DECREES OF SECULAR COURTS

Textual Amendments

F72 Pt. 9 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

55 Deprivation of priest or deacon following certain proceedings in secular courts.

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56 Deprivation of bishop or archbishop following certain proceedings in secular courts.

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57 Consequences of declarations under this Part of this Measure.

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PART X

COSTS

58 Payment of costs of bishop and promoter by Commissioners.

The Commissioners may at their absolute discretion pay out of their general fund the whole or contribute any part of costs and expenses which have been incurred by—

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- (a) any archbishop or bishop (other than an archbishop or bishop himself accused of an offence cognisable under section fourteen of this Measure in relation to the costs and expenses incurred as a result of such accusation)—
 - (i) in or in relation to or directly or indirectly arising out of legal proceedings authorised, taken or contemplated in any court or before any commission, committee or examiner (and notwithstanding that proceedings are not eventually taken) by any person in respect of any offence cognisable under section fourteen of this Measure, or
 - (ii) in relation to any declaration made or to be made in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of this Measure; and
- (b) any person nominated under the provisions of this Measure to promote proceedings in respect of any such offence as is mentioned in the foregoing subsection:

Provided that the Commissioners before paying the whole or any part of any costs and expenses in pursuance of this section shall first be satisfied that they are reasonable in amount ^{F73}...

^{F73}(c)

Textual Amendments

F73 S. 58(c) and word repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 19, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 S. 58 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1)**, 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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Textual Amendments

F74 S. 59 repealed by [Church of England \(Legal Aid and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1988 \(No. 1\)](#), SIF 21:1, s. 14(2), **Sch. 3**

60 Powers of courts and commissions in regard to costs.

- (1) [^{F75}Subject, in the case of any party to whom legal aid is granted under [^{F76}the Church of England (Legal Aid) Measure 1994], to rules made under section 4 of that Measure] Any court or commission having jurisdiction under this Measure ^{F77}... shall have power at any stage of the proceedings to order any party to give security for costs.
- (2) [^{F78}A court or commission exercising jurisdiction under this Measure, a Vicar-General's court as constituted under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003, or a committee under this Measure] shall have power at its discretion to make an order for payment of taxed costs against any party and may take into account the fact that the whole or part of the costs of a complainant or accused person are being or have been met out of the [^{F79}Fund maintained under [^{F80}the Church of England (Legal Aid) Measure 1994]].

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- (3) An award of costs to any person under the last foregoing subsection may direct that, instead of taxed costs, that person shall be entitled—
- (a) to a proportion specified in the direction of the taxed costs or to the taxed costs from or up to a stage of the proceedings so specified; or
 - (b) to a gross sum so specified in lieu of taxed costs.
- (4) In this section the expression “costs” includes fees, charges, disbursements, expenses and remuneration and the expression “taxed costs” ^[F81] in relation to costs incurred by any person to whom legal aid is granted under the ^[F82] Church of England (Legal Aid) Measure 1994], means costs taxed or assessed in accordance with rules made under section 4 of that Measure and in relation to costs incurred by any other person.] means costs taxed by a registrar in the prescribed manner.
- ^[F83](5) Where an order for payment of taxed costs has been made under subsection (2) of this section any party to the proceedings may appeal to the chancellor of the diocese in which the proceedings took place against the registrar’s taxation, and on any such appeal the chancellor may confirm or vary the registrar’s taxation.
- (6) An appeal under subsection (5) of this section shall be lodged and conducted in such manner as may be prescribed.]

Textual Amendments

- F75** Words inserted by Church of England (Legal Aid and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1988 (No. 1, SIF 21:1), s. 14(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1(a)**
- F76** Words in s. 60(1) substituted (1.9.1994) by 1994 No. 3, s. 7(2), **Sch. 2 para. 1(a)** (with s. 5(1)); Instrument dated 25.7.1994 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F77** Words in s. 60(1) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 20(2), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F78** Words in s. 60(2) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 20(3)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F79** Words substituted by Church of England (Legal Aid and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1988 (No. 1, SIF 21:1), s. 18(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1(b)**
- F80** Words in s. 60(2) substituted (1.9.1994) by 1994 No. 3, s. 7(2), **Sch. 2 para. 1(b)** (with s. 5(1)); Instrument dated 25.7.1994 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F81** Words inserted by Church of England (Legal Aid and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1988 (No. 1, SIF 21:1), s. 14(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1(c)**
- F82** Words in s. 60(4) substituted (1.9.1994) by 1994 No. 3, s. 7(2), **Sch. 2 para. 1(c)** (with s. 5(1)); Instrument dated 25.7.1994 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F83** S. 60(5)(6) inserted (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 8(1), **Sch. 4 para. 9** (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 60 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- C6** S. 60(3) applied by S.I. 1990/2335, **rule 9(4)**
- C7** S. 60(3) applied (1.1.2008) by The Care of Cathedrals Rules 2006 (S.I. 2006/1941), rules 1(2), **26(5)**

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61 Recovery of costs.

- (1) Where an order or direction for the payment of costs is made against any person under the last foregoing section such costs may be recovered by the person in whose favour the order for payment of costs is made by proceedings in the county court of the district in which the award or direction was made or, if the sum recoverable exceeds the amount which under any enactment for the time being in force is recoverable in the county court in respect of a contract debt, then by proceedings in the High Court of Justice, in either case in all respects as if the said sum was a contract debt payable by the person against whom the order was made.
- (2) In any proceedings in a civil court for recovery of costs a certificate purporting to be signed by the registrar of the diocese or province within which the relevant award or direction for payment of costs was made, stating that the sum specified in the certificate is the sum due to be paid by the person mentioned therein pursuant to an order or direction for payment of costs under the last foregoing section, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts so certified.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** S. 61 applied by [S.I. 1990/2335, rule 9\(4\)](#)
- C9** S. 61 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\), ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops
- C10** S. 61 applied (1.1.2008) by [The Care of Cathedrals Rules 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1941\), rules 1\(2\), 26\(5\)](#)

62 Payment of expenses of courts, &c. by Central Board.

- (1) Save in so far as the same shall be payable by any other person under this Measure or any order or rule for the time being in force, the Central Board shall pay the costs and expenses of all courts, commissions, committees and examiners constituted or appointed under this Measure for the purpose of proceedings in respect of offences cognisable under section fourteen thereof^{F84} ... :
Provided that the Central Board before paying the whole or any part of any costs and expenses in pursuance of this section shall first be satisfied that they are reasonable in amount.
- (2) The Commissioners shall have power from time to time at their absolute discretion to contribute out of their general fund such sums as they shall think fit in relief of the liability of the [^{F85}Archbishops' Council] under the foregoing subsection.

Textual Amendments

- F84** Words in s. 62(1) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\), s. 99\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 21, Sch. 5](#) (with [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)); [S.I. 2018/720, art. 2](#)
- F85** Words in s. 62(2) substituted (1.1.2008) by [National Institutions of the Church of England \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1556\), art. 1\(1\), Sch. para. 2\(a\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C11** S. 62 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\), ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops
- C12** S. 62(1) transfer of functions (1.1.2008) by [National Institutions of the Church of England \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1556\), arts. 1\(1\), 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))

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[^{F86}63] [^{F87}Fees payable in connection with proceedings under this Measure.]

The fees to be demanded, taken and received by any legal officer as remuneration for the performance by him of the duties of his office in or in connection with any proceedings or contemplated proceedings or otherwise under or arising out of the provisions of this Measure shall be fixed in manner provided by [^{F88}section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018]

Textual Amendments

- F86** S. 63: By 1994 No. 2, s. 8, **Sch. para. 6** it is provided (1.10.1994) that after the words “under this measure” there shall be inserted the words “or the Care of Cathedrals (Supplementary Provisions) Measure 1994”; Instrument dated 25.7.1994 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York
- F87** S. 63 title substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 3 para. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F88** Words in s. 63 substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 3 para. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C13** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

PART XI

RULE COMMITTEE

[^{F89}64] **The Rule Committee.**

- (1) There shall be a Rule Committee which shall consist of the following persons, namely:

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The Lord Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;

The Archbishop of Canterbury or a member of the Upper House of the Convocation of his Province appointed by him;

The Archbishop of York or a member of the Upper House of the Convocation of his Province appointed by him;

Two persons appointed by the Lord Chancellor of whom at least one shall hold, or have held, high judicial office;

The Dean of the Arches and Auditor;

The Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury or a member of that House appointed by him;

The Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York or a member of that House appointed by him;

The provincial registrars of the provinces of Canterbury and York;

One chancellor and one diocesan registrar from each province to be appointed by the archbishop of that province.

- (2) Any five members of the Rule Committee, one of whom shall be the Lord Chancellor or one of the persons appointed by him, may exercise all the powers of the Rule Committee.

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- (3) In the absence of the Lord Chancellor from any meeting of the Rule Committee, the chair shall be taken by a person who holds or has held high judicial office appointed a member of the Committee by the Lord Chancellor.]

Textual Amendments

F89 S. 64 repealed (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 32(2), **Sch.8** (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

^{F90} 65 Functions of the Rule Committee.

Textual Amendments

F90 S. 65 repealed (1.3.1993) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 32(2), **Sch. 8** (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

PART XII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

66 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Measure unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, namely:—

“authorised complainant” means a person authorised by a bishop to lay a complaint under Part III of this Measure or, in the case of proceedings against a bishop, a person authorised by the archbishop of the province;

“benefice” includes all rectories with cure of souls vicarages perpetual curacies endowed public chapels and parochial chapelries and chapelries or districts belonging or reputed to belong or annexed or reputed to be annexed to any church or chapel or districts formed for ecclesiastical purposes by virtue of statutory authority and includes benefices in the patronage of the Crown or of the Duchy of Cornwall but does not extend to any Royal peculiar nor to any cathedral or capitular preferment or dignity, nor to any chapel belonging to any college school hospital inn of court asylum or public or charitable institution nor to any private chapel;

^{F91} ...

“the Commissioners” means the Church Commissioners for England;

“communicant” means a person who has received communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith at least once within the twelve months preceding the date of his declaration that he fulfils that requirement, or if a declaration is not required of him, at least once within the twelve months preceding the date upon which he is offered

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the appointment or requested to act in a capacity for which that qualification is required;

“diocese” means a diocese in the province of Canterbury or a diocese ^{F92}... in the province of York and “diocesan” shall be construed accordingly;

[^{F93}“high judicial office” means such office within the meaning of Part 3 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 or membership of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council;]

“preferment” includes an archbishopric, a bishopric, archdeaconry, dignity or office in a cathedral or collegiate church, and a benefice, and every curacy, lectureship, readership, chaplaincy, office or place which requires the discharge of any spiritual duty;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under [^{F94}section 83 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018];

“relevant province” in relation to—

- (a) a House of Convocation;
- (b) a diocese comprised in a province;
- (c) a court having jurisdiction in a province; and
- (d) a person holding any office or preferment or residing in any such diocese or province at any time;

means, according to the context, the province of Canterbury or the province of York as the case may be.

[^{F95}“disciplinary tribunal”, “president of tribunals” and “provincial panel” have the same meanings as in the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.]

- (2) In this Measure, except and where the context otherwise requires, references to the consistory court of a diocese and to the chancellor of a diocese shall, in their application to the diocese of Canterbury, be construed as references to the commissary court thereof and to the commissary general of such court respectively.
- (3) For the purposes of this Measure an extra-diocesan place (including any place exempt or peculiar other than a Royal Peculiar) which is surrounded by one diocese shall be deemed to be situate within that diocese, and an extra-diocesan place which is surrounded by two or more dioceses shall be deemed to be situate within such one of them as the archbishop of the relevant province may direct.

^{F96}(4)

Textual Amendments

- F91** Words in s. 66 omitted (1.1.2008) by virtue of [National Institutions of the Church of England \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1556\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 2(b)** (with art. 3)
- F92** Words repealed by virtue of s. 85 of this Measure and Church Act 1969 (an Act of Tynwald)
- F93** Words in s. 66(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 17 para. 16(3)**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(e)
- F94** Words in s. 66(1) substituted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2
- F95** Words in s. 66(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- F96** S. 66(4) repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

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67 Rules for determining seniority of diocesan bishops.

For the purposes of this Measure the seniority of diocesan bishops (other than archbishops) ^{F97}... shall be determined by reference to the length of time that each of them has held office as diocesan in either province without interruption from any cause.

Textual Amendments

F97 Words in s. 67 omitted (1.1.2006) by virtue of Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 11** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F98}68 Exercise of powers of diocesans during vacation of sees.

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Textual Amendments

F98 S. 68 repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

69 Criminal proceedings in ecclesiastical courts to be taken only in accordance with this Measure.

No proceedings by way of a criminal suit, other than those authorised by [^{F99} Part VI] of this Measure, shall be instituted against a person ^{F100}... in the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved, and no proceedings so authorised shall be instituted except in accordance with [^{F101}that Part] of this Measure:
^{F102}...

Textual Amendments

F99 Words in s. 69 substituted (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 1 para. 12** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

F100 Words in s. 69 repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)**, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F101 Words in s. 69 substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 22(b)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F102 Words in s. 69 repealed (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

70 Nominated persons to have exclusive right to promote complaint.

A person nominated under Part ^{F103}... VI of this Measure to promote a complaint against an accused person shall have the right to do so to the exclusion of all others.

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Textual Amendments

F103 Words in s. 70 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

71 Performance of ecclesiastical duties during suspension or inhibition.

- (1) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against an archbishop the archbishop of the other province shall perform the functions which the archbishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (2) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against a diocesan bishop, the archbishop of the relevant province may appoint another bishop to perform during the period of suspension or inhibition the functions the performance of which the diocesan bishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (3) Where a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against a suffragan bishop, the diocesan bishop by whom he is commissioned may appoint another bishop to perform during the period of suspension or inhibition the functions which the suffragan bishop against whom the censure of suspension or inhibition has been pronounced is unable to perform on account of such censure.
- (4) When a censure of suspension or inhibition is pronounced against any priest or deacon, it shall be lawful for the bishop in whose diocese such person holds preferment to appoint some person or persons to perform the duties of the preferment; and in all such cases the bishop may assign such part of [^{F104}any one or more of the following, that is to say, the guaranteed annuity payable in respect of the benefice under section 1 of the ^{M4}Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976, the personal grant, if any, to which such person is entitled under section 2 of that Measure and the profits of the benefice, as he thinks fit and may, if necessary, sequester the said profits for the payment of the part thereof so assigned.]

Textual Amendments

F104 Words substituted by [Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976 \(No. 4\)](#), s. 49(2) [Sch. 5 para. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C14 [S. 71](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), [ss. 35\(1\)](#), 48(2) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

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72 Occupation of parsonage house by person appointed by bishop.

- (1) A bishop who has appointed a person to perform the duties of any benefice under subsection (4) of section seventy-one of this Measure may require such person to reside in the parsonage house belonging thereto, and may assign to him the use of

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such parsonage house, together with the offices, gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging, or any part or parts thereof, without payment of any rent.

- (2) A person residing in the parsonage house under the provisions of this section shall be liable to pay the rates payable in respect of such house, . . . ^{F105}, and any sequestrator appointed during any suspension or inhibition under this Measure shall have power to deduct from the stipend of such person any payments for which he shall be liable under this subsection.
- (3) The bishop shall have power in any case in which possession of the premises allocated to any person under the provisions of this section is not given up to him, and until such possession shall be given up, to direct that the profits of the benefice arising from the sequestration thereof under this Measure be applied subject to the provisions thereof as if the same arose under a sequestration for non-residence.
- (4) A right of residence and any other right vested in a person under the provisions of this section shall determine upon the determination of his appointment.

Textual Amendments

F105 Words repealed by [Repairs of Benefice Buildings Measure 1972 \(No. 2\)](#), **Sch. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C15 [S. 72](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

73 Suspension of censure pending appeal.

In any case in which pursuant to the provisions of this Measure, an appeal is lodged against a judgment order or decree of any court or commission constituted under this Measure in proceedings charging an offence or claiming a penalty or forfeiture against a clergyman, the censure or award of the court or commission from whose judgment order or decree the appeal is made shall be suspended until the appeal is determined, but an appeal shall not affect an inhibition *pendente lite* under section seventy-seven of this Measure.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C16 [S. 73](#) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with [s. 47](#)); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

74 Restrictions during a period of suspension or inhibition.

- (1) In any case in which by reason of a censure pronounced against him a person is suspended or inhibited under this Measure [^{F106}for a specified time] from discharging all or any of the duties attached to any office held by him:—
 - (a) he shall not interfere with any other person who may be appointed to discharge any of the said duties;
 - (b) subject to the provisions of the following subsection he shall not reside in or occupy any house of residence belonging to his office; and
 - (c) he shall not be liable under any penalty or forfeiture for non-residence.

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- (2) In the case of an incumbent of a parochial benefice the bishop may for special reasons permit him to reside in or occupy such house of residence or some part thereof.
- (3) In the case of such an incumbent, subject to any direction to the contrary given by the bishop, he shall not receive any part of the income of the benefice while he remains resident within a distance of ten miles from the parish or other principal church of the parish or other area in which, prior to the commencement of the period of inhibition, he had the cure of souls.

Textual Amendments

F106 Words in s. 74(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 13](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C17 S. 74 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), [ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

75 Provisions as to lapse on avoidance of preferment.

Where by virtue of anything in or done under this Measure any preferment is vacant the time for lapse shall run from the date on which the prescribed notice of the vacancy is given.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C18 S. 75 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), [ss. 35\(1\), 48\(2\)](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

76 Rights of patronage during suspension or inhibition.

- (1) In any case in which by virtue of a censure pronounced against him a person is suspended or inhibited under this Measure [^{F107}for a specified time] from discharging all or any of the duties attaching to his preferment, any right of patronage vested in him by virtue of his preferment shall, during the period of suspension or inhibition, and subject to the provisions of the following subsection, vest in the person entitled to appoint to such preferment and so that in the case of a diocesan bishop, any such right of patronage shall vest in the archbishop of the relevant province, and in the case of an archbishop, shall vest in the archbishop of the other province.
- (2) In any case in which an incumbent is himself the patron of his benefice, the right of patronage of such benefice shall, so long as the period of suspension or inhibition remains in force, vest in the archbishop of the relevant province.

Textual Amendments

F107 Words in s. 76(1) inserted (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), [Sch. 1 para. 14](#) (with s. 47); [S.I. 2005/6](#), Instrument made by Archbishops

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C19 S. 76 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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Textual Amendments

F108 S. 77 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

78 Recording of declarations, resolutions and censures.

Any declaration or resolution made by a bishop, or by an archbishop, or by an Upper House of Convocation or any censure pronounced by any court, pursuant to the provisions of this Measure shall be recorded in the diocesan registry concerned or in the provincial registry of the relevant province as the case may be.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C20 S. 78 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), **ss. 35(1), 48(2)** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

F10979 When convictions, orders or findings are to be deemed conclusive.

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Textual Amendments

F109 S. 79 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

80 Place where courts, &c. are to sit.

[^{F110}Proceedings in a court or commission exercising jurisdiction under this Measure or of a committee or inquiry under this Measure]^{F111}... may be held in any place convenient to the court, commission, committee or person holding the inquiry, due regard being paid to the convenience of parties and witnesses.

Textual Amendments

F110 Words in s. 80 substituted (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(a)** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F111 Words in s. 80 repealed (1.9.2018) by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 99(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(b)**, **Sch. 5** (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C21 S. 80 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), ss. 35(1), 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

81 Evidence and general powers and rights of courts and commissions.

(1) Any court or commission [^{F112}exercising jurisdiction] under this Measure ^{F113}... shall have the same powers as the High Court in relation to the attendance and examination of witnesses and the production and inspection of documents.

[^{F114}(2) If any person does or omits to do anything in connection with proceedings before, or with an order made by, such court or commission ^{F115}... which is in contempt of that court or commission by virtue of any enactment or which would, if the court or commission had been a court of law having power to commit for contempt, have been in contempt of that court, the judge or presiding judge of the court or the presiding member of the commission, as the case may be, may certify the act or omission under his hand to the High Court.

(3) On receiving a certificate under subsection (2) above the High Court may thereupon inquire into the alleged act or omission and after hearing any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of the person who is the subject of the allegation, and after hearing any statement that may be offered in defence, exercise the same jurisdiction and powers as if that person had been guilty of contempt of the High Court.

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Textual Amendments

F112 Words in s. 81(1) substituted (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 24(2)(a) (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F113 Words in s. 81(1) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 24(2)(b), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F114 S. 81(2)-(4) substituted (1.3.1993) for s. 81(2)(3) by Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (No. 1, SIF 21:8), s. 8(1), Sch. 4 para. 11 (with s. 31(6)); Instrument dated 16.2.1993 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

F115 Words in s. 81(2) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 24(3), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

F116 S. 81(4) repealed (1.9.2018) by Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (No. 3), s. 99(2), Sch. 1 para. 24(4), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 4 Pt. 1); S.I. 2018/720, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C22 S. 81 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (No. 3), ss. 35(1), 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

^{F117}**82 Abolition of obsolete jurisdictions, courts, &c.**

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Textual Amendments

F117 S. 82 repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), Sch. 1 Pt. 6 Group 5

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83 Savings.

- (1) Any judge or registrar of an ecclesiastical court appointed to office before the commencement of this Measure shall continue in his office as if he had been appointed under this Measure and nothing contained in this Measure shall affect the terms and conditions on and subject to which his appointment was made.
- (2) Nothing in this Measure affects—
 - (a) any prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen; or
 - (b) the existing procedure relating to the confirmation of the election of bishops; or
 - (c) any power of the High Court to control the proper exercise by ecclesiastical courts of their functions; or
 - (d) the mode of appointment, office, and duties of vicars general of provinces or dioceses; or
 - (e) the visitatorial powers of archdeacons; or
 - (f) the mode of appointment, office and duties of the official principal of an archdeacon; or
 - (g) the jurisdiction of the Master of the Faculties.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of section twenty-nine of the ^{M5}Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840, nothing in this Measure shall authorise proceedings against a holder of an office in a Royal Peculiar.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C23** S. 83(2) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), ss. **35(1)**, 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops
- C24** S. 83(3) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), ss. **35(1)**, 48(2) (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

Marginal Citations

- M5** 1840 c. 113.

84 Exclusion of Channel Islands.

For the purposes of this Measure, the diocese of Winchester shall be deemed not to include the Channel Islands.

85 Provisions as to diocese of Sodor and Man.

If an Act of Tynwald so provides, this Measure shall extend to the Isle of Man subject to such modifications, if any, as may be specified in such Act of Tynwald, and in that event this Measure shall then have effect with the omission, in the definition of “diocese” in subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the words “(other than Sodor and Man)”.

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86 Amendments of other enactments.

The enactments specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Measure shall have effect subject to the amendments respectively specified in relation thereto in that Schedule (being amendments consequential on the provisions of this Measure).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C25 The text of S. 86 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

87 Repeals.

The enactments specified in the first and second columns of the Fifth Schedule to this Measure are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule, and any canon, constitution, decretal or other like instrument forming part of the law ecclesiastical which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Measure shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, cease to have effect.

^{F118}**88 Commencement.**

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Textual Amendments

F118 S. 88 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 6](#) Group 5

89 Short title.

This Measure may be cited as the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963.

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Textual Amendments

F119 Words in *Sch. 1* repealed (1.9.1995) by 1995 No. 2, s. 9(d); Instrument dated 26.7.1995 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York

PART I

OATHS TO BE TAKEN ^{F120} . . . BY ALL JUDGES

Textual Amendments

F120 Words in *Sch. 1* repealed (1.9.1995) by 1995 No. 2, s. 9(d); Instrument dated 26.7.1995 made by Archbishops of Canterbury and York

“I, , do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Her Heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.”

“I, , do swear that I will, to the uttermost of my understanding, deal uprightly and justly in my office, without respect of favour or reward. So help me God.”

PART II. ^{F121}

Textual Amendments

F121 *Sch. 1 Pt. II* repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), *Sch. 2*

^{F122} SECOND SCHEDULE

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Textual Amendments

F122 Sch. 2 repealed (1.1.2006) by [Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 \(No. 3\)](#), s. 48(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 47); S.I. 2005/6, Instrument made by Archbishops

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THIRD SCHEDULE

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Textual Amendments

F123 Sch. 3 repealed by [Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) Measure 1974 \(No. 2\)](#), s. 2(3)

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FOURTH SCHEDULE

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AMENDMENTS OF OTHER ENACTMENTS.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C26 The text of Sch. 4 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as indicated, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

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Textual Amendments

F124 Entry repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1977 \(c. 18\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. V**

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Textual Amendments

F125 Sch. 4 entries repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. 6** Group 1

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The Clerical Disabilities Act, 1870.

In section four, in paragraph (3), the reference to the enactments mentioned in the first Schedule shall include a reference to this Measure.

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The Benefices Act, 1898.

In sub-section (5) of section one for the words “under section two of the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892”, there shall be substituted “under section eighteen and Part IV of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure, 1963”.

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FIFTH SCHEDULE

Section 87.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C27 The text of Sch. 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

Session, and Chapter or Number	Title or Short Title	Extent of Repeal
13 Edw. 1. ...	The Statute of Circumspecte Agatis.	The whole statute.
18 Edw. 1. ...	The Statute of the Writ of the Consultation.	The whole statute.
9 Edw. 2. Stat. 1.	Articles for the Clergy...	Chapters I, II, VI and VII.
25 Edw. 3. Stat. 6.	An Ordinance for the Clergy made at Westminster in the Twenty-fifth year of the Reign of K. Edward III.	Chapter VIII.
50 Edw. 3. ...	Of the Pardons and Graces granted by the King to the Commonalty of His Realm of England; in the Fiftieth year of King Edward III.	The whole Act.
2 Hen. 5. Stat. 1.		Chapter III.
21 Hen. 8. c. 6	The Mortuaries Act, 1529...	The whole Act.
23 Hen. 8. c. 9	The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act, 1531.	The whole Act.
24 Hen. 8. c. 12	The Ecclesiastical Appeals Act, 1532.	In section three, the words from “in manner and forme as hereafter ensueth” to the end.

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		In section four, the words from the beginning to “any other courte or courtes”.
25 Hen. 8. c. 19.	The Submission of the Clergy Act, 1533.	In section four, the words from “but that all manner of appelles” to the end. Section six.
32 Hen. 8. c. 7.	The Tithe Act, 1540 ...	In section five, the proviso.
2 & 3 Edw. 6. c. 1.	The Act of Uniformity, 1548	Sections five, twelve and thirteen.
5 & 6 Edw. 6. c. 4.	The Brawling Act, 1551 ...	The whole Act.
1 Mary, Sess. 2. c. 3.	The Brawling Act, 1553 ...	Sections five and six.
1 Eliz. 1. c. 2.	The Act of Uniformity, 1558	Sections six, eleven and twelve.
5 Eliz. 1. c. 23.	The Writ De Excommunicato Capiendo Act, 1562.	The whole Act.
13 Eliz. 1. c. 12.	The Ordination of Ministers Act, 1571.	Section two.
1 Car. 1.c. 1...	The Sunday Observance Act, 1625.	The second proviso.
3 Car. 1. c. 2...	An Act for the further reformation of sondry abuses committed on the Lord’s Day commonlie called Sondag.	The third proviso.
16 Car. 1. c. 11	An Act for repeal of a branch of a Statute primo concerning Commissioners for causes Ecclesiasticall.	The whole Act.
13 Car. 2. Stat. 1. c. 12.	The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act, 1661.	The whole Chapter except section four.
29 Car. 2. c. 9.	The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act, 1677.	The whole Act.
28 Geo. 2. c. 6.	The Mortuaries (Chester) Act, 1755.	The preamble and section one.
21 Geo. 3. c. 49.	The Sunday Observance Act, 1780.	Section seven.
31 Geo. 3. c. 32.	The Roman Catholic Relief Act, 1791.	In section twelve, the words “in any ecclesiastical court or elsewhere”.
53. Geo. 3. c. 127.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Act, 1813.	Sections one, two and three and the Schedules. In section five, the words “or in any Ecclesiastical Court”.

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		In section seven, the second proviso.
		The Schedules.
10 Geo. 4. c. 53.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Act, 1829.	The whole Act.
2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 92.	The Privy Council Appeals Act, 1832.	The whole Act.
2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 93.	The Ecclesiastical Courts (Contempt) Act, 1832.	The whole Act.
3 & 4 Vict. c. 86.	The Church Discipline Act, 1840.	The whole Act.
3 & 4 Vict. c. 93.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Act, 1840.	The whole Act.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 59.	The Lecturers and Parish Clerks Act, 1844.	In section one, the words from “and in case” to the end, and section five.
10 & 11 Vict. c. 98.	The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act, 1847.	Section nine.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 47.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Act, 1854.	The whole Act.
18 & 19 Vict. c. 41.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Act, 1855.	The whole Act.
23 & 24 Vict. c. 32.	The Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act, 1860.	Section one.
33 & 34 Vict. c. 23.	The Forfeiture Act, 1870.	Section two in so far as it relates to ecclesiastical benefices and the holders thereof.
37 & 38 Vict. c. 85.	The Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874.	The whole Act.
39 & 40 Vict. c. 59.	The Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876.	In section fourteen the words from “Her Majesty may by Order in Council” to the end.
55 & 56 Vict. c. 32.	The Clergy Discipline Act, 1892.	The whole Act.
16 & 17 Geo. 5. No. 4.	The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Measure, 1926.	Section five.
26 Geo. 5. & 1 Edw. 8. No. 5.	The Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1936.	Section nine.
10 & 11 Geo. 6. No. 1.	The Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, 1947.	The whole Measure.

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12 & 13 Geo. 6. No. 1.	The Church Dignitaries (Retirement) Measure, 1949.	Part II. In section thirteen, in subsection (1), the words “or Part II” and, in subsection (4), the words “and subsection (2) of section five”. In section fourteen, the words “or both under Part II of this Measure and under the Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, 1947”. the words “or the said Measure of 1947”, in both places where they occur, the words “if the proceedings were taken under the Measure of 1945” and the words from “and (ii) if” to “under this Measure”. In section eighteen, in the definition of “prescribed” the words “the Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, 1947, or”.
13 & 14 Geo. 6. No. 1.	The Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, 1947 (Amendment) Measure, 1950.	The whole Measure.
14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 39.	The Common Informers Act, 1951.	In the Schedule, the entry relating to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Act, 1531.
14 & 15 Geo. 6. No. 2.	The Bishops (Retirement) Measure, 1951.	Part III. In section thirteen, the words “Part I or Part II of”. In section fifteen, the words from “and in the case” to the end. In section sixteen, in subsection (1), the definition of “The pensions authority” and in subsection (2), the words “or who is a complainant or promoter under Part III hereof”.
1 & 2 Eliz. 2. No. 3.	The Incumbents (Discipline) and Church Dignitaries	The whole Measure.

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(Retirement) Amendment
Measure, 1953.

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