

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA - DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

AGE QUALIFICATION AND RETIREMENT ORDINANCE 1987

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Anglican Church of Australia in Tasmania in Synod assembled, as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Age Qualification and Retirement Ordinance 1987.
2. Nothing in this Ordinance shall operate:
 - (a) to extend the term of any office
 - (b) to limit or affect the operation of any provision of any Ordinance or Resolution of Synod preventing any person from being appointed to an office or requiring any person to vacate any office at any age of less than that set out in this Ordinance
 - (c) to render invalid any act done by any person of or over the age set out in this Ordinance notwithstanding a later discovery that such person was ineligible to hold office by reason of him then being of or over such age
 - (d) to prevent the Bishop from granting a licence to a clerical person who is of or over the age set out in this Ordinance so long as such licence does not create an appointment contrary to the provision of this Ordinance.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance a person who has attained the prescribed age may be appointed by the Bishop to hold an office of a temporary nature or for a limited time or which may be terminated at the will of the Bishop at any time.
4. In this Ordinance the word
"person" includes a priest, a deacon, a deaconess and every other person holding an office
and the word
"office" means every benefice, chaplaincy and other clerical appointment whether remunerated or not remunerated and the offices of Bishop's Registrar and Diocesan Secretary.
5. No person shall be eligible to be appointed to any office who at the time of such appointment has already attained the prescribed age.
6. Every office shall become vacant when the person holding such office attains the prescribed age and every person appointed to an office shall cease to hold such office and shall surrender the same upon attaining the prescribed age.
7.
 - a. The prescribed age at the commencement of this ordinance shall be the age of 70 years.
 - (Amended 1997) b. The prescribed age from the first day of January 2000 shall be the age of 69 years.
 - c. The prescribed age from the first day of January 2002 shall be the age of 68 years.
 - d. The prescribed age from the first day of January 2004 shall be the age of 67 years.
 - e. The prescribed age from the first day of January 2006 shall be the age of 66 years.
 - (Amended 1997) f. The prescribed age from the first day of January 2008 shall be the age of 65 years.
8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 the prescribed age for those holding office on 1 July 1997 and remaining in that office shall be the age of 70 years.