

THE PAROCHIAL NOMINATION BOARD STATUTE 1987-2018

Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This Statute shall be known as "The Parochial Nomination Board Statute 1987-2018."
2. The Patronage Board Statute 1949-1979 is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect any act, deed or thing lawfully done under the said Statute prior to the passing of this Statute.
3. **Purpose of the Board**
 - (a) The purpose of The Parochial Nomination Board (hereinafter called the Board) is to nominate to the Bishop of the Diocese a Cleric (or Clerics) for consideration for appointment to a parish in which the cure of souls is vacant or is becoming vacant.
 - (b) Such a Board shall be constituted for every ecclesiastical district which is deemed to be a parish under the provisions of the Parochial Statute.
4. **Members of the Board**
 - (a) The Bishop will be the Chair or will appoint a Chair.
 - (b) One priest who has been licensed in the Diocese for not less than three years, and one lay person who is a member of Synod, chosen by the Bishop from a panel of three of each, duly elected at the first session of each triennial Synod.
 - (c) No Diocesan representative shall act in relation to a nomination for a parish of which he/she is a parishioner.
 - (d) The wardens of the parish, who according to The Parochial Statute 2017-2018 are the nominators of the parish. The names and addresses of the Parochial members shall be sent to the Diocesan Secretary.
 - (e) The Bishop may invite the appropriate Archdeacon and Area Dean, but they shall have no vote.
5. **Casual Vacancies on Board**

In the event of such vacancies occurring, the Council shall appoint Synodal substitutes, and the parish council a qualified parochial substitute, for the remainder of the term for which the retiring member has been elected.
6. **Procedure**
 - (a) Upon the public announcement of the resignation or retirement of a cleric from a parish the Bishop shall convene the Board. All discussions of the Board shall be confidential.
 - (b) A quorum shall consist of the Chair, one Diocesan member (Clause 4 (b)) and two parochial members (Clause 4(d)).
 - (c) The Chair has no vote. In the event of a tied vote the nomination will be deemed to have failed.
 - (d) The Board shall determine upon the particular procedure it shall follow, and will consider the wisdom of inviting applications through appropriate advertisement.

- (e) The Board may make enquiries through the Bishop concerning the character, person, previous work, and health of any prospective nominee.
- (f) The Board shall nominate a Cleric to the Bishop to be invited to meet with the Parochial Nominators with a view to the cleric being appointed Parish Priest. The appointment will only proceed if the Bishop and the Parochial Nominators agree that a formal invitation should be extended.
- (g) No Cleric shall be invited to meet with the Parochial Nominators unless the Cleric shall have received the votes of at least one Diocesan and two Parochial members of the Board who must sign a declaration on the form set out in the schedule to this Statute.
- (h) At any stage of the process the Bishop may decline to give approval. This decision shall be final and the Bishop shall not be required to disclose reasons.
- (i) When a Cleric has been nominated to the Bishop, the Bishop shall arrange as soon as possible to invite the nominated Cleric or Clerics to meet with the Parochial Nominators with a view to a formal invitation being extended.
- (j) Following this meeting the Bishop will consult with the Parochial Nominators to determine whether such invitation is extended.
- (k) If the Cleric declines to accept the offer, the Board shall be summoned afresh.
- (l) If the Cleric accepts the invitation to be Parish priest it shall be the duty of the Bishop to arrange a date for the Recognition Service after consultation with the Cleric and the Churchwardens, to take place after the resignation of the former Cleric takes effect.

7. Bishop's Right of Appointment

- (a) In the event of there being no appointment after four clergy have been approached, the Bishop may exercise the right of appointment without further consultation.
- (b) The Bishop shall have the right of appointment to every Cure of Souls for which this Statute does not provide, including temporary arrangements.
- (c) The Bishop, after consultation with the Board, may exercise the right of appointment to a vacant Cure of Souls, after three consecutive ministries by Board nominees have been completed.

THE SCHEDULE

(To be signed by at least one Diocesan member and two parochial members, and approved by the Bishop).

We, the undersigned Members of the Parochial Nomination Board, declare that we have this date nominated:

The Reverend _____

at present _____

to meet with the Bishop and Parochial Nominators of the Parish of

_____ with a view to a formal invitation being extended to the said cleric to be Parish Priest of

Signed:

Diocesan Members _____

Parochial Members _____

Date: _____

Action taken by the Bishop:
